

Component 1: Research Topic, Annotated Bibliography and pdfs of Empirical Articles

Due: 8am Monday Dec 3rd (via Moodle upload and hard copy submitted in class)

Worth: 10% of final grade

For this assignment, you are first asked to **describe your research topic**—making clear which specific aspect of cognition you will focus on in your literature review paper.

The key is to **make sure that your topic is narrow enough** – e.g., focusing on “perception” or on “memory” is far too wide. Instead of “perception”, for example, more appropriate topics would include “Do expectations influence people’s perception of facial expressions” or “Recovery from blindness as an adult—which aspects of visual perception recover and which do not”. Instead of “memory”, for example, more appropriate topics would include “working memory deficits seen in individuals diagnosed with ADD” or “The effect of marketing on implicit memory for brand information”.

You then should create an “annotated bibliography” --- giving the reference citation (in APA style) of at **least five empirical articles related to your specific question** (all empirical articles must be published since 2000) as well as a **one-to-two paragraph summary** for each.

In your summary of each empirical article, you should discuss the main aspect of article to be focused on in literature review as well as a discussion as to how it relates to both other articles as well as primary focus of the literature review paper.

Please submit your statement of specific research question and your summary of the articles in a Word document before **8am Monday Dec 3rd**. – also bring a hard copy to class that day. Grades on late submissions will **be reduced by 10% per 24-hour period late** (submissions more than 7 days after the deadline will not earn any points but still must be completed in order to move onto the last component of the Literature Review project).

You must upload pdfs of all five articles included in the Annotated Bibliography. There is a link on Moodle where these files should be uploaded. If the pdfs are not uploaded, your paper will be considered late until they are uploaded.

* This assignment, as with both components of the Literature Review project, is to be completed independently by each student in the course. If there is substantial overlap in the specific research question selected by two or more students (or if there are three or more research articles in common), these students will be asked to resubmit assignment, each focusing on a different research question.

** Component 1 must be completed before Component 2 may be submitted

You are welcome to submit this assignment early for grading. If you do so, however, please let Dr. Braun know that you have submitted it so she knows to look for it.