

Literature Review Assignment

COMS 2331

Purpose: The aim of this paper is to review literature on a course relevant concept. The focus of the paper should center on some communication issue that is well narrowed. Use the articles you have read to create groupings (refer to the "LBB" text for suggested organizational patterns in chapter 11). You should find connections among the articles and have smooth transitions between the ideas. This is a literature review, NOT a series of abstracts stapled together. Your goal is to look for connections and/or contradictions in the literature and explain the "big picture" to the reader. If you fail to do this it will adversely affect your grade. A good introduction and conclusion will help tie the literature together. Read the literature reviews (introductions) within journal articles if you want a model to follow.

Format: Papers should be typed in 12 point Times New Roman or Garamond font, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins, proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Papers should be 5 to 7 full pages of text. You should have at least 4 scholarly references listed at the end and they must be cited according to APA standards. You may use the course textbooks, but they will not count as part of the required references. All works cited in the text of the paper must be in the reference list. Also, all works in the reference list must be cited in the text of the paper.

A title page should include the paper's title, your name, course, instructor's name, and date, centered on the page. Number the pages in the upper right corner, starting with the title page as page one. Staple your paper in the upper left corner. Either attach copies of the articles reviewed or have them available should I request them. There is no need for special folders, fancy paper, or colored print.

For helpful material about both purpose and format of the literature review, study carefully pages 236 to 240 in the "LBB." An extensive discussion of APA style basics begins on page 267 of the same book—make use of this!

No late papers will be accepted without significant penalty. Papers will be collected at the beginning of the class meeting, and a digital version of the paper will be due on the same day through Turnitin on Blackboard.

1st due date

* Nov 30th Due Date - Preferred

* December 5th Final Exam
@ noon