

## Rubric for Evaluating a Literature Review

Selection of Literature	1. Are the parameters of the review reasonable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Why are certain bodies of literature included in the search and others excluded from it?</li> <li>○ Which years were included in the search?</li> </ul>
	2. Is primary literature emphasized in the review and secondary literature, if cited, used selectively?
	3. Are recent developments in the problem emphasized in the review?
	4. Is the literature selected relevant to the problem?
Criticism of the Literature	1. Is the review organized by topics or ideas, not by author?
	2. Is the review organized logically?
	3. Are major studies or theories discussed in detail and minor studies with similar limitations or results discussed as a group?
	4. Is there adequate criticism of the design and methodology of important studies so that the reader can draw his or her own conclusions?
	5. Are studies compared and contrasted and conflicting or inconclusive results noted?
Summary/ Interpretation	1. Does the summary provide an overall interpretation and understanding of our knowledge of the problem?
	2. Does the summary conclude that, after looking at the literature, your research is necessary because (e.g., lack of knowledge, conflicting opinions, new variables, etc.)?
	3. Do the implications provide theoretical or empirical justification for the specific research questions or hypotheses to follow?
	4. Do the methodological implications provide a rationale for the design to follow?