

Checklist for Research Papers

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Criteria	Done?
Title page - Information complete and correct	
Table of contents - Good format - Correct page numbers - No chapter numbering after conclusion	
Introduction – What is going to happen over the course of this paper? - motivation for research - broad question - structure of the paper	
Literature review – Where does your study fit into the bigger picture? - Key concepts - Critical engagement with previous research - Gap in the research/need for your research	
Methodology – Can someone replicate your research with the information you have provided here? - Clear research question(s) - Research instruments - Collection procedure - Analysis procedure - Limitations of your research design	
Results – What has your research revealed? - (Neutral) description of results WITHOUT connection to the literature - Tables and graphs where appropriate - Comparing your own datasets or participants	
Discussion – How do your results fit in with/add to/change the current state of the research? - Connecting your research WITH literature review - Answering the research question - Critical evaluation of your own study - Implications of your study	
Conclusion – What have you shown with this paper and where to go next? - Short summary of research question(s), results - Idea for future research - Somehow related to the introduction	
References - Reference list is complete and consistent in APA-Style (7 th or 6 th edition) - All direct quotes and all paraphrased ideas in the text give credit to the author(s) - Balanced selection of references (pioneer work and current studies)	
Appendices - All research instruments and data	
Style and language - Showing command of Academic English - Use of I/me/my only in appropriate sections - Signposting language - Variability in the language - Checked for typos?	