

AHE 375: Diversity in Higher Education

LITERATURE REVIEW

A literature review is a comprehensive analysis of sources related to a specific research topic. The goal of this assignment is to locate a range of sources and synthesize them in order to address one's inquiry question related to a diversity, equity, and/or social justice issues within higher education.

Example Topics:

- Supports and barriers for transgender faculty at postsecondary institutions
- Use of transformative feminist pedagogies in enhancing the curriculum
- Challenges for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in higher education
- Retention of black male students in predominantly white institutions

Paper Guidelines:

- Submit a minimum of 5 pages (this does not include your works cited page) that provides relevant information related to the selected topic; this includes but is not limited to defining terms, sharing related history, or addressing the gaps in the research.
- Include a clear and concise inquiry question and thesis statement that drove your research.
- Incorporate at least 10 sources (minimum of four peer-reviewed sources) that relate to your selected inquiry question.
- Organize your literature using one of the following formats: chronologically, by publication type, by themes, or by research methods.
- Follow APA format: 12 font, Times New Roman, 1" Margins, Double-Spaced

Presentation Guidelines:

- Give a 10 minute presentation that provides relevant information related to the selected topic; this includes but is not limited to defining terms, sharing related history, or addressing the gaps in the research.
- Submit via Canvas a works cited list on the day of your presentation.
- Refer to at least 10 sources (minimum of four peer-reviewed sources) that relate to your selected inquiry question in your presentation as well as your works cited list.
- Organize your presentation using one of the following formats: chronologically, by publication type, by themes, or by research methods.
- Include presentation slides to guide and engage your audience

Remember, a literature review is not a summary of sources, but rather a conversation between sources. This "conversation" should demonstrate that you critically analyzed and evaluated your sources and saw connections between the arguments and information presented by each author.

Final Literature Review Rubric (Paper & Presentation)

25 Points Total				
	5	3	1	0
Thesis statement	The thesis statement is narrow in focus, specific in language, and arguable.	The thesis statement does not address one of the following: narrow in focus; specific in language; arguable.	The thesis statement does not address two of the following: narrow in focus; specific in language; arguable.	The thesis statement is not narrow in focus, specific in language, and; arguable.
Organization	Ideas and sources are arranged in a logical manner. and Transitions are present between subclaims.	Ideas and sources are mostly arranged in a logical manner and/or Transitions between subclaims were not consistent.	Organization of ideas and sources are difficult to follow.	Ideas and sources have no organization.
Format (Paper)	Consistent APA formatting, in-text citations, and works cited accurate	One of the three APA requirements (formatting, in-text citations, and works cited) inaccurate	Two of the three APA requirements (formatting, in-text citations, and works cited) inaccurate	Three of the APA requirements (formatting, in-text citations, and works cited) inaccurate
(Presentation)	Engaging presentation slides and Works cited accurate	Engaging presentation slides but works cited contains many inaccuracies	Slides were not consistently relevant to presentation and/or A works cited list not provided	No presentation slides or works cited list provided
Length	Met the minimum page requirement of 5 pages or 10-minute presentation	Did not meet the requirement by 1 page or 2-minutes	Did not meet the requirement by 2 pages or 4-minutes	Did not meet the requirement by 3 pages or 6-minutes
Number of Sources	Met the minimum amount of 10 sources; at least four sources from peer-reviewed journals	Did not meet the minimum amount of sources by 1-2 less and/or did not include at least four sources from peer-reviewed journals	Did not meet the minimum amount of sources by 3-4 less	Did not meet the minimum amount of sources by 5 or more less