

B.Tech Term Paper Guidelines

Each Group of student must submit a report of their term paper project. Normal rules concerning plagiarism may apply. Supervisors are requested to ensure this. The written term paper must have the following structure and include all of the following elements:

- THE PAPER SHOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF 30 PAGES (double-spaced; Times New Roman 12 font), excluding the title page and literature cited.
- First (title) page must include:
 1. Descriptive title
Author
Abstract (NOTE: MAXIMUM 200 WORDS)
- Subsequent pages must include:
 2. Introduction
 3. Hypotheses and predictions (these can be incorporated into the introduction or presented below a separate sub-heading)
 4. Methods and experimental design
 5. Significance of work
 6. Literature Cited (use a journal format of your choice)

The following criteria will be used for marking the report:

1. **Abstract:** Does the abstract reflect the title of the project and the aim and scope of the work? Does it contain essential information on rationale, hypothesis, study system and significance? Is it written clearly?
2. **Introduction:** Does the introduction start by introducing a significant question in community ecology? Are statements supported by appropriate citations from published literature? Is the initial question refined through the introduction to statement of the objective of the study?
3. **Hypotheses and predictions:** Are the hypotheses presented clearly related to the objective of the study and are they logically connected to the ideas presented in the introduction?
4. **Methods and Experimental Design:** Is the explanation of the methods clear (use figures if necessary)? Are the methods appropriate to test the hypothesis proposed? Are essential methodological details included?
5. **Significance, originality and creativity of work:** This is the justification statement for the project – this does NOT mean just the conservation/management (i.e., applied) importance of your proposed work.
6. **Literature Cited:** Are the papers in the body of the proposal cited in here? Are the references cited here in the body of the text? Is consistent formatting used?

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