

Research Statement

(This outline is for you to organize your writing of the statement. Your output needs to be a complete passage with subparts introduced by subheadings. Some of the following items are optional ones depending on the features of your research)——

不要写成条目，要成文（带副标题）

1. Our research topic:

2. Introduction

- 1) Background of our research (e.g., educational trends related to the problem, unresolved issues, social concerns etc.)
- 2) Purposes of your research
 - a. goal oriented -emphasizing practical outcomes or products
 - b. questions to be answered or objectives to be investigated
- 3) The significance of your research (may overlap with background of the research)
- 4) The generalization of your research questions (概括你的研究问题，可以是一个，也可以是多个，但要考虑靠操作性): explication of relationships among variables (变量) or comparisons to be considered; or presentation of the hypotheses(假定)

3. Relevant Literatures

- 1) Definition of terms (Largely conceptual here; **operational definitions** may follow in Methodology Section); key concepts or theories
- 2) Key debates and controversies of your research topic
- 3) Shows the relationship of your research to other local and international researches in the field (use other relevant researches as supporting evidence)

4. Methods

- 1) Research site and time period at the site (and, where appropriate, participants/subjects)
- 2) Method(s) of data collection (tests, measures, observations, scales, and questionnaires etc.)
- 3) Proposed approach to analyze the data
- 4) Rationale for research method (sum up the reasons why make above decisions)

5. Feasibility of the research

- 1) Availability of the required resources (i.e., any special equipment or materials that will be needed during the research)
- 2) Time management/ time line of your research

6. Ethical considerations (i.e. potential benefits and risks to research participants; maintenance of the confidentiality of subjects and their responses)