

RM: Literature Review

Literature review assignment Your first Honours project milestone is to complete a review of literature relevant to the topic of your Honours project. A Literature reviews are individual assignments for the compulsory Research Methods module and you should consult your project supervisor as to the specific focus of your review. In this exercise, you will identify important high-quality papers, classify and review them, and explain where your project fits into this prior work. Reviewing the literature does not mean simply reproducing it (extensive quotes from papers are inappropriate and plagiarism will result in a mark of zero): you must discuss how the literature is related to, and informs, your research project. A literature review involves a critical overview and synthesis/analysis of a field, including:

1. What has already been written on the topic
2. What has not been written on that topic (or is written in such a way that it is conceptually or methodologically inadequate)
3. How the researcher's proposal addresses the 'gap', silence or weakness in the existing knowledge base.

The literature review must be planned and organised according to accepted academic norms, containing an Abstract, and Introduction and motivation, a presentation, discussion and critical comparison of the existing work, and a clear, logical final Conclusions section. Reviews will be marked by both your supervisor and your project 'second reader' (another academic assigned to assess your project work). See the exemplars under Resources for further guidance as to what we expect. Submit your literature review assignment as a PDF file in the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Proceedings Format (this is different to the Honour's 2015 format used). No other formats are permitted. MSWord and LaTeX templates for this format are available from <https://www.acm.org/publications/proceedings-template> Reviews are to be a maximum of eight pages in this double column ACM format, excluding references. Reviews must have a minimum of 15 references to high-quality conference or journal papers. No wikipedia references, or 'lazy' references to websites instead of a journal article should be included. You may reference software webpages, but these references do not count toward the 15 articles. References must be in the ACM proceedings style. Please note: automatic references generate using Mendeley or other tools usually contain errors - you must check your references. Late submissions will be penalised at 10% per day, or part thereof. If you have not already begun the process for searching for and reading articles - start today. Literature reviews take time. Please review our plagiarism policy before submitting your work.