IMAT 2704 Tutorial 07-1

Critical Writing

# The purpose of this tutorial is:

* To explore your literature review argument
* To make sure you’re covering things in a way that makes sense

# Tutorial task

1. Organise into pairs and look at your partner’s outline of their literature review. If you didn’t bring one with you, write something up that covers the below points:

Things to include (you don’t have to do all of these, but the more the better):

* What your research question is
* How you’re going to answer it
* Some of the main themes and ideas you’ve come up with
* An overview of your argument
* What the gaps in the knowledge are
* What you might do to explore the gaps in the knowledge

Spend 20 mins on this and then swap with someone else.

If you’ve brought along your literature review, swap it with someone else who has and think about the following points (not all may be necessary):

* Does what they say they’ll do make sense?
* Does the argument answer the research question?
* Do the themes identified fit with the question well?
* Are they in a logical order?

Give good, critical advice and work on how to structure your thoughts together.

2. What are the most important aspects to ensure a clear, critical argument? Decide as a pair and then explain to the class.