

Uses of a wide range of relevant literature

An indication of what is being looked for: The student uses a wide range of relevant literature to effectively support arguments and which provides a clear framework for exploring the topic area. This literature is assessed in a way which demonstrates an awareness of 'accepted' thinking in addition to current problems and new insights in the subject area.

The extent to which the review is coherent with a clear 'voice' and sense of direction

An indication of what is being looked for: The review is very readable; professionally written with a consistent, coherent structure and a balanced and clear line of argument. There is no repetition or source of confusion.

Presentation and referencing

An indication of what is being looked for: The work is consistently and clearly formatted and it ties together tightly as one complete document. Harvard referencing is accurate throughout.

For this assessment we require you to drop-box a copy and submit a hard copy of your report.

Weighting: 30%

Word Length: 3,000 words

- Your work will be based on **reviewing the published literature in a defined area** and applying this to a **research question** which you will decide
- This piece does not **require primary research** and data collection, it is for you to show how well you can analyse existing information
- The review is not to be descriptive but **critical** and must involve comparing and contrasting different theories
- The review **must be linked to your course/route and should have at least a small link to your project** and your title will be approved by your supervisor, using the RQ1 form.
 - The literature review should be focussed around a research question
 - The question should be focussed on an area of practical application of theory
 - Identifying this question at an early stage will help form the boundaries for your literature review

It is therefore important that you generate a question that is:

- Not too wide in scope (feasible in the time available)
- Not just theory based (but about how theory has been or may be applied)
- Your question must be explicitly related to:
 - Your route
 - Your consultancy company, organisation or sector.
- It may be informed by: