

## Assignment: Literature Review Plan

### Context

- Before any research is conducted a solid literature review needs to be conducted to see what has already been done and what gaps or problems remain
- It is essential that this literature review be as up to date and comprehensive as possible
- To ensure that your literature review is as complete as possible, follow the guidelines on the [Course Wiki – Literature Review Section](#)

### Key Items that Need to be Included

- Search** - Find at least 30 articles related to your research topic and organize them into primary and secondary article folders. Primary articles are the ones you believe are seminal to guide your research
- Review** - Read at least 10 articles and summarize in Excel using the methods outlined in the [Course Wiki – Literature Review Section](#) under “Creating a Literature Review Database” – You will need to hand this Excel database in for this assignment
- Finding Themes** - Based on the 10+ articles you read, identify key themes and the order in which they should be presented in – There may be sub themes within the themes
- Writing Up Themes** – in point form, write what you want to say in your themes and sub-themes – this should be written in your main project/thesis document in the literature review section
  - All themes need to be properly referenced even though you are using point form
  - Identify gaps/problems/methodological issues with each theme – these issues will come from the basics of your project/thesis
  - DO NOT include information you do not plan to address in your project/thesis
- Research Questions** – Create a clear set of research questions that you want to answer
- All references are listed in [APA format](#) at the end of the proposal

### Writing Style

- Writing for research has a distinct set of rules and style
- Please consult [Bui's Tips & Rules](#) for writing before you write this proposal

### To be submitted

- Complete the Literature Review section of your project/thesis file in your Dropbox – Make sure you have shared that Dropbox folder with me ([robin.kay@uoit.ca](mailto:robin.kay@uoit.ca))