# Research Proposal Peer Review Guidelines

## Spring 2024

Proposal Peer Review is part of the final assignment and worth 10 points of your final score. The purpose is to demonstrate your acquired knowledge of research design, academic reading and writing, critical thinking and **constructive criticism**. Leave your comments right next to the selected segments of the proposal by utilizing MS Word’s “Review” and “Track Changes” options. Write your overall impressions in a short paragraph at the end of the reviewed proposal.

Once you submitted your proposal, expect to review one of your classmates’ proposal. Below you will find out whose proposal you are supposed to review. Be respectful and considerate in your reviews. Remember, your purpose is to provide helpful feedback to the authors.

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| Author | Reviewer |
| Arslan | Temirlan |
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| Zhaniya | Ramazan |
| Akniyet | Shakhzad |
| Ramazan | Assemay |
| Gulsha | Almira |
| Assel | Zhaniya |
| Shakhzad | Akniyet |

Here is what you need to review:

* **Formatting**: does the proposal look like a proposal? What is the order/sequence of proposal contents? Are the fonts, font size and margins coherently observed? Is bibliography properly presented according to APA? Are there page numbers?
* **Language**: does the author use academic language? Can you understand the sentences? Are there any grammatical and spelling mistakes? Good use of abbreviations and acronyms?
* **Sources**: assess the quality of sources. How recent are they? At least 3 academic sources? Are sources reliable and trustworthy?
* **Research question**: is it narrow and easy to understand? Can you identify independent and dependent variables? Does the question relate well to the problem statement? How well specified is the research hypothesis?
* **Problem statement**: how well does the author specify the problem and underline its significance? Does he/she provide authoritative evidence about the problem? How persuasive is the author? Can you tell from it about the problem’s region and time period?
* **Literature review**: Does the author place his/her research in the context of existing literature in the chosen field? Does the author identify a gap in the existing literature? Does literature review help you better understand the scope and background of this research problem? Is the author testing any theory?
* **Methodology**: Is the choice of approach and methodology well justified? Does the author demonstrate good understanding of chosen research method? How detailed is the description of data collection method and instrument? Does the author discuss bias and how he/she is going to address it? Do you envision any validity and reliability issues arising from the selected methodology? Is the data analysis procedure outlined? How realistic and feasible is the methodology? Is it possible to collect and analyze data within the time frame specified?
* **Ethics**: assess the ethical side of research proposal. Does this research need an ethical clearance from IRB? Does the author discuss any legal, psychological and physical risks posed by his/her research to human subjects? How well does the author addresses such concerns?

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