Requirements for the course paper BIR

1. The length of the paper should be 7-8 pages.
2. Times new roman (12; 1,5).
3. Title; Student name/ID;
4. Structure (indicate titles (e.g. **Introduction)** and subtitles (e.g. Tables, etc.)):
5. **Introduction:**

* Importance/actuality of the problem/topic
* How do you see the connection of the problem through ethics/IL/IR

1. **Thesis statement:**

* Hypothesis/ or assumption/or opinion/or suggestion; 1 sentence, clear, and on the topic

1. **Research question** (s):

* Clear, short, to the topic;

\*\*\*Thesis statement should be in a clear connection to your research questions!

1. **Methodology**
2. **Theoretical framework** (if any, depending on the topic);
3. **Literature review**:

* Group the scholars and experts, make use of them for YOUR topic, **do NOT re-tell** all their stories, list their names in the focus of whether they support or oppose your statement, or tell me which idea of those experts really impressed/stressed you.

1. **Findings and results** (based on research questions):

-use data, literature, methods you used to find out things;

- stay focused around your research questions

- cite;

- if needed, make you own tables (indicate if it was yours);

- was your thesis statement approved or disapproved after all research you have made?

1. **Conclusions:**

-may specify ethical/legal/IR importance;

- do recommendations (if applicable);

- count your opinion if impressions of the research.

1. **Sources**.

**NOW, here is Something that you cannot avoid**

1. Read your paper to yourself aloud 2-3 times, after 2-3 days of finishing it.

You will see:

* Irrelevant sentences that do not bring much info neither on answering the research questions, nor the thesis statement;
* Irrelevant sentences that bring nothing but emotions (after 2-3 days you will not find them as strong as there were while writing). \*\* BTW, I will not have a clue that you were so sentimental about something…..
* Irrelevant sentences that are taken/copy pasted from *somewhere* with similar wording of your topic;
* Here and there strangely appearing sentences that are not in the right structural place of the paper, and should be moved to the right places, or removed;
* Many sentences that YOU as an author want to ask after “So What?”, and then think how many times I (as a reader) will ask: “So What?”;
* Everything looks like a piece of God knows what, and you cannot understand what you have produced after all.

That is called **EDITING**.

1. Read your paper to yourself aloud 1 day before submission.

You will see that it is not good enough because:

- it lacks connections between ideas/paragraphs;

- has grammar typos;

- sentences are not narrowed enough;

- conclusions need to be shorter, because they repeat same things over and over again;

* The paper looks like a piece of God knows what, and you cannot understand what you have produced after all.

All that is called **FINAL EDITING**, and you still have 24 hours to make it better.

GOOD LUCK!