# **The structure of your state-of-art review report**

In this course, you’ll be writing and presenting on the state-of-art of a topic which you are interested in exploring more (within your field of study or related). It can be a topic that you are already familiar with, such as your Bachelor’s thesis or any new intriguing area of research that’s of interest and use to you.

**A state-of-art review report summarises the recent and most current research on a particular research area. This report surveys all the on-going arguments and debates. It requires an understanding of prior research and sometimes has to include an explanation of earlier research findings and their possible limitations.**

You will write a similar report of 1000-1200 words on the topic of your choice; your report will imitate in the most simple form an academic article. Keep in mind that the scope will be narrow and you will not expected to read tens of articles for your background reading. However, you will be required to find at least **five** journal articles and in addition to that possible books or other reliable sources.

**Length of report: 1000-1200 words**

**Citation system: IEEE (numerical) or Harvard (author-date)**

**Process of writing:**

1. Conceptual map
2. Short group discussion sharing topics via conceptual maps
3. Find an article (related to your topic) you somewhat understand and bring to class for group-analysis and sharing
4. Find more sources and create an outline using the template given below
5. First draft of your report
6. Peer review of this first draft
7. Teacher review of peer-reviewed draft
8. Final version (graded only)

**Template**

1. **Introduction**
* Introduce your topic
* Outline what you will discuss throughout the review
* Frame the paper with your thesis\*
* Tell your audience why it is important that you reviewed the literature in your topic area
1. **Body**
* Can take different forms depending on your topic
* Break it up into sections if this is helpful (i.e. as you are studying at least two different methodologies, break your body into two main sections and write about each methodology in its own section)
* Go through all of the literature in detail, in an organized fashion
1. **Discussion/Conclusion**
* Restate your thesis\*
* Wrap up your review by drawing everything together and making sure it is clear what conclusions you draw about your topic or field of study based on the research studies you read and analyzed.
1. **References**
* Make sure your references are formatted correctly and all present
* This paper is all about the references! Cite everything that you discuss.

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