

<b>The literature review process in Social Sciences (ONLINE)</b>	
<b>Code</b>	06RE0015-5
<b>Mode</b>	online
<b>Dates</b>	15th of June 2026
<b>Time</b>	9.00-13.00
<b>Duration</b>	4 h
<b>Place</b>	online
<b>Limited spaces</b>	20
<b>Target group</b>	PhD student
<b>Venue</b>	Josep Maria Arauzo Carod
<b>Language</b>	English

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Conducting a review of relevant literature is an essential aspect of the research process but it can feel like a daunting task. This course is designed to help you to approach the literature review with more clarity and confidence by covering the purpose of your review, looking at various approaches and strategies, and considering which might be best suited to your research, as well as exploring your questions and concerns.

## 2. GOALS

- Understand the function of a literature review within a research project
- Understand where reviews and discussions of literature sit in the overall structure of theses
- Be aware of the various study strategies involved in the literature review process (eg relating to reading, note taking, recording information; analysis and synthesis of material)

## 3. PROGRAM TOPICS

1. Literature review: an introduction.
2. Types of literature review.
3. Some available sources to be used
4. An extension from literature review: meta-analyses.
5. Some exercises using Scopus.

## 4. METHODOLOGY

Teaching and computer-based applied exercises.

## 5. RESOURCES

Slides and references provided by the instructor.

## 6. TARGET AUDIENCE

URV PhD students.

## 7. ASSESSMENT

Final exercise applying main contents of the course.

## 8. TEACHER

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