

The literature review process in Science and Technology (online)	
Code	06RE0016-5
Mode	online
Dates	18th and 25th of May 2026
Time	10:00-12:00
Duration	4 h
Place	online
Limited spaces	20
Target group	PhD student
Venue	Susana Iranzo
Language	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 approach the literature review with more clarity and confidence by covering the purpose of your review, looking at various strategies, discussing how the AI can help (although not substitute) you, as well as exploring your questions and concerns.

2. GOALS

- Understand the role of a literature review within a research project
- Understand where reviews and discussions of the literature fit in the overall structure of the thesis
- Be aware of the various tasks and strategies involved in the literature review process (eg identifying the relevant papers, cross-referencing, note taking and recording information; analysing and summarizing the material, etc)
- Discuss how AI can help
- Be able to write down a coherent, relevant literature review

3. PROGRAM TOPICS

The course will address the following key elements in the process of writing a literature review:

- how to find the relevant papers in a given topic (e.g., making use of the right sources, identify seminal and most influential papers, cross-referencing)
- reading papers in an effective way to prepare a literature review (note taking and basic information to retain)
- analyzing the information and identifying the relevance to your topic
- going beyond the existing research -identifying knowledge gaps
- how to summarize all the information in a meaningful way

4. METHODOLOGY

Class lectures where the different steps and strategies to produce a Literature Review are presented and examples are being used.

5. RESOURCES

Slides and references provided by the instructor.

6. TARGET AUDIENCE

URV PhD students.

7. ASSESSMENT

Students will be asked to write a brief Literature Review on their own. Assessment will mainly be based on this piece and on class attendance.

8. TEACHER

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