

SCS 200 Research Investigation Progress Check 2 Guidelines and Rubric

Overview: Throughout Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, you have been guided through continuing your work on Project One (a research investigation), which you will continue to work on in Theme: Tailoring the Message to an Audience and formally submit to your instructor at the end of Week 5. This assignment provides you with an important opportunity to get valuable instructor feedback on the progress you are making and to ensure you are on the right track for your later submission.

Prompt: Throughout Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, you have had opportunities to fine-tune your selected social sciences issue and begin exploring academic sources that can support your continued research on your issue. As you complete this work throughout Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, you should continue to build from the previous work you completed and submitted in Research Investigation Progress Check 1. Specifically, in this assignment, you will submit the Project One elements listed below for review by your instructor.

In **Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, learning block 4-2 (page 1)**, you completed the following work, building from your work in Theme: Exploring Social Science Issues:

I. **Introduction**

- A. Describe the **issue** in the social sciences that you have selected to investigate. Why is this issue significant?

In **Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, learning block 4-2 (page 3)**, you completed the following work:

I. **Introduction**

- B. Describe at least three **social science resources** that you could use to investigate the issue you selected. Your sources must be relevant to your issue and must be of an academic nature appropriate for the issue. In your description, consider questions such as these: What are the similarities and differences in the content of your sources? What makes them appropriate and relevant for investigating your issue? What was your thought process when you were searching for sources? How did you make choices?

In **Theme: Exploring Social Science Issues, learning block 4-3 (page 2)**, you completed the following work:

II. **Body**

- A. **Identify** the social science **principles** that apply to your issue. In other words, which principles of social science apply to the issue you selected?
- B. **Explain** how the **principles** you identified apply to your issue. In other words, how are the social science principles you identified relevant to your issue?

In **Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, learning block 4-3 (page 3)**, you completed the following work:

III. **Conclusion**

- A. Based on your investigation, develop a **research question** related to the issue you selected. In other words, what would you like to know more about?
- B. Explain how a **social scientist** would go about investigating the research question you developed. In other words, what would the next steps be if a social scientist were to continue researching your question?

In **Theme: Performing the Research Investigation, learning block 3-3 (page 3), learning block 4-1 (page 3), and learning block 4-2 (page 3)**, you began working on the following section of the prompt:

- IV. Provide a **reference list** that includes all of the social science resources you used to investigate your issue and question. Ensure that your list is formatted according to current APA guidelines (or another format with instructor permission).

Please note that the numbering included above directly aligns with the numbering of these elements as they are presented in the Project One Guidelines and Rubric document.

Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Submit your progress check assignment as a Microsoft Word document with double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Your submission should be 2 to 4 pages in length. Any citations should be formatted according to APA style.

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (75%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Introduction: Issue	Describes selected issue in social sciences and its significance, reflecting an initial understanding of the issue and the social sciences	Describes selected issue in social sciences and its significance, but with gaps in detail or clarity	Does not describe selected issue in social sciences or its significance	13
Introduction: Social Science Resources	Describes at least three relevant and appropriate social science resources that could be used to investigate selected issue	Describes at least three social science resources that could be used to investigate selected issue, but with gaps in appropriateness, relevance, or detail	Does not describe at least three social science resources that could be used to investigate selected issue	13
Body: Identify Principles	Identifies social science principles that apply to issue, citing sources	Identifies social science principles that apply to issue, but with gaps in accuracy or citation	Does not identify social science principles that apply to issue	13
Body: Explain Principles	Explains how identified principles apply to issue, citing sources	Explains how identified principles apply to issue, but with gaps in detail, clarity, or citation	Does not explain how identified principles apply to issue	13
Conclusion: Research Question	Develops research question related to selected issue, based on investigation	Develops research question related to selected issue, but question is not based on investigation	Does not develop research question related to selected issue	13
Conclusion: Social Scientist	Explains how a social scientist would go about investigating research question	Explains how a social scientist would go about investigating research question, but with gaps in clarity, detail, or logic	Does not explain how a social scientist would go about investigating research question	13
Reference List	Provides reference list that includes all social science resources used to investigate issue and question, ensuring that list is formatted according to current APA guidelines	Provides reference list that includes all social science resources used to investigate issue and question, but list has gaps in adherence to current APA formatting guidelines	Does not provide reference list that includes all social science resources used to investigate issue and question	13
Articulation of Response	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	9
Total				100%