



POL 491 Literature Review Guidelines and Rubric

For Milestone One, you will submit the policy you wish to study in your research through a literature review. Please see the feedback provided by your instructor and integrate it, as needed, into your final project.

Guidelines for Submission: The submission should be 2–3 pages in length (excluding title and reference pages), double spaced, use 12-point Times Roman font and one-inch margins, and be formatted according to APA guidelines. You must include at least five scholarly sources. Cite your sources within the text of your paper and on the reference page. Please see the feedback from the instructor and resubmit as needed.

The following checklist rubric will be used to evaluate and grade your literature review.

Critical Elements	True—Proficient (100%)	False—Not Proficient (0%)	Value
Research question is well-developed and well-supported through the review of the literature, while effectively justifying why the selected issue needs to be addressed			22.5
The literature review presents an effective application and synthesis of existing research theories that comprehensively analyze and evaluate the issue			22.5
The literature review is structured in a way that appropriate theories and methodologies are comprehensively applied, forming an analysis of the issue			22.5
The literature demonstrates an accomplished evaluation of the resources reviewed and draws informed conclusions that are justified with selected literature			22.5
<i>Articulation of Response:</i> Submission contains no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization			10
Earned Total			100%