

Guidelines of the Qualifying Exam Written Report

Format:

- Length of report is limited to about 15-20 pages (excluding references, tables and figures).
- Font size 12, Times New Roman, 1.5 line spacing, one-inch margins on all sides.
- A reference list of literature cited in the report should follow Vancouver referencing guide.
- Spelling, grammar, clarity, organization appropriate for graduate-level scholarly paper.
- Tables, graphs, and pictures should be used to summarize the main features of the review. The text should not reiterate the facts already contained in the tables, graphs, and pictures but should present a critical discussion or synthesis of the material summarized from the tables and graphs.

The review should address the following aspects:

1. The importance of the topic in relationship to the student's thesis proposal (rationale of the topic selection)
2. A relationship among the major references.
3. Strengths and weaknesses of existing research findings and a potential solution to overcome the limitation.
4. Conceptual framework demonstrates the formulation of knowledge gained from the existing data.
5. Idea (implications or applications of the existing data) that possibly leads to a new direction of the future research.

Note:

- # 4 and #5 should be addressed in a separate topic.
- The written report has to be checked for plagiarism using the software "**Turnitin**", and the result must be reported to the committee with the written report submission. (**ACCEPTED AT LESS THAN 15%**)

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