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## Lecture: Key Steps in Writing an Academic Research Paper Course:

Third-year undergraduate students Language:

Lecture Objectives By the end of this lecture, students will be able to:

- Understand the structure of an academic research paper.
  - Identify the key steps in the research process.
  - Apply best practices in writing and referencing.
  - Avoid common mistakes in academic writing.
1. Choosing a Research Topic
    - Pick a topic that interests you and is relevant to your field of study.
    - Make sure it's narrow enough to manage within the scope of your paper.
    - Conduct preliminary research to see if enough sources are available.
  5. Tips:
    - ✓ Avoid topics that are too broad or too vague.
    - ✓ Look at recent journals or conferences for inspiration.
  2. Conducting a Literature Review
    - Gather credible sources: books, journal articles, academic websites.
    - Summarize, compare, and contrast findings from different researchers.
    - Identify gaps in the literature that your research might address.

**Goal:** Build a foundation and context for your own research.
  3. Developing a Research Question or Hypothesis
    - A good research question should be:  
Clear and focused/ Researchable/ Relevant to your discipline
    - Example: Bad: "Is climate change real?" Better: "How does urban air pollution in Baghdad impact public health?"
  4. Designing the Methodology
    - Decide on qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods.
    - Describe how you will collect and analyze data.
    - Be specific: sample size, instruments, procedures, etc. Note: Methodology must be replicable and ethical.
  5. **Structuring the Paper** a typical academic paper includes:
    1. Title Page
    2. Abstract – brief summary of the research (150–250 words)
    3. Introduction – background, problem statement, research question

4. Literature Review
5. Methodology
6. Results
7. Discussion – interpret findings
8. Conclusion – summarize and suggest future research
9. References / Bibliography

## 6. Writing Tips

- Use formal academic language.
- Avoid contractions (e.g., don't, won't).
- Use passive voice where appropriate.
- Stick to APA / MLA / Chicago style consistently.
- Revise and proofread several times.

### Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism

- Always cite your sources using the required citation style.
- Use quotation marks for direct quotes.
- Paraphrase properly and still cite the original author.
- Use plagiarism check tools like Turnitin or Grammarly.

## 7. Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Weak or vague thesis statement
  - Lack of coherence or flow
- Using non-academic sources (e.g., Wikipedia)
- Ignoring feedback from supervisors
- Submitting without proofreading

Conclusion Writing a strong academic research paper requires planning, critical thinking, and attention to detail. Follow each step carefully, use credible sources, and stay organized.

### Suggested Sources

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