

OVERALL COMMENT: None

Assessed Criteria

Criterion	Description	Score	Comments
1. Problem Statement as Basis for Study: Master's candidate succinctly describes a problem statement that is significant to the field of study		1.0 4.0	
2. Background of the Problem: Master's candidate provides relevant context* that justifies the study *refers to historical, social, and/or cultural context		4.0	
3. Research Question(s): Master's candidate clearly articulates the research question(s) that reflects a topic able to be studied through appropriate research methodologies		4.0	
4. Research Question(s) Tied to Methodologies: Master's candidate selects appropriate research methodology(-ies) to yield information that responds to the research question(s)		3.0	
5. Theoretical Framework: Master's candidate sets a solid foundation for the study by employing the most applicable major sources* *refers to foundational studies and up and through current studies on the topic		3.0	
6. Theoretical Framework: Master's candidate objectively analyzes the problem through the lens of the chosen theoretical framework		3.0 1.0 4.0 3.0	
7. Literature Review: Master's candidate writes an in-depth Literature Review that objectively analyzes applicable scholarly literature		1.0 4.0	
8. Literature Review: Master's candidate demonstrates ability to write a thorough literature review that is structured appropriately		1.0 4.0	
9. Methodologies: Master's candidate explains how he/she collected scholarly articles that yielded information that contributes to answering their research question		1.0 4.0	
10. Methodologies: Master's candidate justifies authors' usage of their chosen research methodologies* for their research question(s). *refers to qualitative,		1.0	

quantitative, or mixed methods	1.0 4.0
11. Methodologies: Representation: Master's candidate clearly articulates how authors ensured adequate representation (i.e., sampling methods) of populations/phenomenon studied	1.0 4.0
12. Methodologies: Limiting Participant Risk: Master's candidate articulates how authors limited risk* of their participants (*refers to informed consent, legal permissions, ethical treatment, clearly articulated protocols, and secure storage of data)	1.0 4.0
13. Methodologies: Instruments: Master's candidate rationalizes the authors' use of instruments employed in their study	1.0 4.0
14. Methodologies: Objectivity of Researcher: Candidate demonstrates ability to ensure objectivity/suspend bias* in his/her role as researcher *refers to claiming prior knowledge and experience, bias; steps taken to prevent bias collecting/analyzing data	1.0 4.0
15. Methodologies: Analysis of Data: Master's candidate articulates appropriate data analysis procedures* that tie directly to the research question *refers to coding- themes- assertions, &/or statistical analysis as appropriate to selected methodology	
16. Results: Master's candidate accurately interprets results by supporting findings with evidence that refers to the research question(s)	
17. Limitations of the Study: Master's candidate is able to articulate practical limitations of the study that increase its credibility	1.0 4.0
18. Conclusion: Synthesizing Results Master's candidate articulately synthesizes the findings/outcomes of the study that link directly to the research question(s)	1.0 4.0
19. Conclusion: Master's candidate substantiates a coherent argument/claim with appropriate evidence from study	
20. Overall: Master's candidate provides proper credit to sources of information that upholds all policy/guidelines* *refers to APA guidelines, codes of ethics, FERPA and all laws	1.0 4.0

Annotated Documents

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