

Essay

An essay is a research project whose goal is to explore a phenomenon studied in a course. Often through the study of a person, place or thing, it aims to show the understanding of theoretical concepts seen in class and to apply them in a broader context.

This resource is not exhaustive and does not replace the writing instructions given in class. In case of any doubt, consult the professor before structuring your paper as it is indicated here.

Introduction

Context: Get the reader's attention and introduce your topic.

Thesis: Present a specific, argumentative and explanatory thesis.

Outline: List the main ideas that will support your thesis in the paper.

Body

Develop the ideas listed in the introduction.

- Narrow down the topic so that you can find a unique way to address it. This will help you to establish the thesis of your paper.
- Discover the dominant ideas, theories, concepts, and debates that are presented in the literature. This will help you to establish the content of your paper. Use reliable sources and include relevant source material only. Indicate the provenance of all quotations, paraphrases, and summaries.
- Organize your ideas in a clear and coherent way so that the reader can easily follow your paper. If necessary, use headings to clarify its progression.

Conclusion

Summary: Restate your main ideas in connection with your thesis to convince the reader of their validity.

Final thought: Make a final comment that supports your thesis in a memorable way.