Here is a check-list you can use to evaluate your dissertation’s literature review. If you download this form, you should be able to click on the check-box to complete each item.

**Overall**

☐ Did you identify the main concepts in your theoretical/conceptual framework and address them in the review?

☐ Did you logically address the variables for your study?

☐ Did you provide enough background information on your topic so that your readers will understand the relevance of what you are adding to the conversation that is already being had?

☐ Would a reader understand the purpose/significance of your study after reading your literature review?

☐ Did you research the most prevalent and noteworthy works on your topic that have been published?

**Flow of Literature Review**

☐ Did you start with an introduction that identifies the context, explains the purpose, and identifies the sequence/scope of your review?

☐ If there are terms/concepts that are specific to the field/review, did you define them?

☐ Did you organize the literature in a logical flow? (i.e., thematically, chronologically, theoretically, methodologically?)

☐ Have you only included information that is relevant/connected to your variables and research questions (and does not extend to tangents that might be interesting but are really not relevant?)

☐ Have you started broad and narrowed into the most important topics related to your study?

☐ Have you synthesized your information and avoided simply summarizing?

☐ Did you use subheadings that are clear and help to guide the review? (Would the review still remain logical if the headings were removed?)

☐ Did you incorporate adequate transitions between your paragraphs/sections? (If you do not know what this refers to, please see [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FF57S8GtxKnh6ct30yb4tWsGqrkQtyLF/view?usp=sharing)).

**Writing/Review**

☐ Have you had your grammar, mechanics, and APA reviewed for you? (If not, be sure to set up a consultation with a doctoral writing specialist.)

☐ Have you correctly and heavily cited the literature in your review?

☐ Did you primarily paraphrase vs. quote?

**Conclusion**

☐ Did you restate the main conclusions of your review?

☐ Did you identify the value of your review?

☐ Did you identify the gap in the literature?