

# Summary of the Guide for the Review Article

## Timeframe and appointments

In principle, the review article has to be written during a four week, full-time period. In case you have reasons to deviate from this requirement, please discuss the possibility for a modified time frame with your supervisor. You will have four moments of contact, either in person or via mail. Once you have found a supervisor you should fill in the form you received in your e-mail when enrolling for this course. In this way you can ultimately upload your final version in SPIB so your supervisor can grade the review article.

### During your first moment of contact:

- You agree on supervision;
- You agree on a deadline for the outline;
- You plan your second moment of contact.

### During the second moment of contact:

- You discuss the outline;
- You discuss the grading form;
- You discuss the project plan and the deadlines for the first and final version;
- You plan your third moment of contact.

### During the third moment of contact:

- You discuss the first version;
- You plan your fourth moment of contact.

### During the fourth contact moment:

- You discuss the grade.

## Writing the review article

When writing your review you will write an outline, a first version of the review, a final version of the review and a rebuttal to the comments of your supervisor (and peers). The outline must contain your main-question, sub-questions and the structure of your review as well as the deadlines for submitting the first and final version. The rebuttal consists out of a detailed explanation of how you implemented or why you rejected comments you received on the first version. More details about the writing process can be found in the *Guide for the Review Article*.

## Structure of the review article

The review article must have the following structure:

- a title page;
- a brief summary;
- an introduction in which a main question, aims of the review and sub-questions are formulated;
- a body of the text, either as two separate or one integrated section consisting of:
  - an examination of the used articles;
  - a discussion with critical comments with respect to the articles that are used and conclusions concerning the main question and sub-questions as formulated in the introduction;
- a conclusion with perspectives;
- a reference list.

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