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<p>1. provides a strong rationale for conducting the study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draws from peer-reviewed research & scholarly resources • describes data bases used, key word search strategies, number of articles reviewed • seminal and current sources are cited and discussed • identifies underlying assumptions • defines terms/constructs • adequate breadth and depth of research represented • identifies gaps in the literature • research questions are focused • draws clear connection between literature reviewed, research questions, and focus of study 			
<p>2. provides a thoroughly researched theoretical framework for the study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • seminal and current sources are cited and discussed • draws from peer-reviewed research with proper citations • identifies underlying assumptions • defines terms / constructs • adequate breadth and depth of research represented • discussion is selective to ideas used to interpret findings 			
<p>3. delineates a research design appropriate to the research questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed rationale and citations for methodological decisions—reader can fully understand the procedures and processes • describes procedures for analyzing data, with appropriate rationale, discussion and citation of sources • ethical issues are addressed • IRB guidelines are followed, IRB approval is attached 			
<p>4. presents findings in a manner congruent with research questions and design</p>			
<p>5. discussion interprets findings using theoretical framework discussed in literature review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • findings are fully interpreted • interpretation connects data to research questions and prior research • alternative explanations are discussed • issues of reliability / integrity and validity are addressed • limitations of study are addressed 			
<p>6. conclusion discusses the implications of the results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ideas for future research and / or practical applications • methodological considerations 			
<p>7. well-written and properly formatted according to APA (SSU guidelines for theses), such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coherent and well-organized • non-gendered • quotations used sparingly and never to define a term • transitions used effectively throughout paper • citations and references correct • headings used appropriately and properly formatted 			