

# UNIT 8: Research Project

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**WEEK SIX**  
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# Learning Outcome One (1)

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- LO2 Be able to implement the research project within agreed procedures and to specification

# Objective of Lesson

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- By the end of this lesson you should be able to:
- 2.2 undertake the proposed research investigation in accordance with the agreed specification and procedures



# Overview

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- Its all good to have a very detailed action plan and a detailed research specification but what is really important is your use of those outlines. As such, I will use this session to have a discussion about undertaking the proposed research investigation in accordance with the agreed specification and procedures

# Introduction

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- For this section you would need to review what you outlined in your research specification. Anything that you outlined that you will be including in this section should be included.
- So for example if you outlined that you will be discussing background information about the company then you should discuss the background information about the company

# Research Objectives

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- For this section you must write back whatever objectives you highlighted at the start of the research project. It cannot be that you randomly decide to use some new objectives.
- So ensure that you use your original objectives and that you do not tweak them so much so that their meanings are different from what was originally stated.

# Research Methodology

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- All methods that you planned and indicated that you will use must be explained thoroughly.
- Not only should they be explained but there must be evidence that they were used. It should not be the case that you mentioned that you will use them and then end up not using them. This happens very often in student research.

# Research Resources And Timeline

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- Be sure to double check this section of the research to ensure that all the resources listed are needed. Its never good to purchase resources that you will not use. This will help you to save money.
- There should be evidence of the use of the resources that you listed as important.

# Literature Review

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- The actual Literature Review should reflect the what you outlined in your research specification.
- This section requires you to do the actual Literature Review. So all the authors etc that you mentioned wrote on your topic should be discussed. This is where you try to ensure that your paragraphs flow smoothly.

# Discussion And Analysis Of The Research Findings

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- This is where you do the actual discussion of your findings. You should not explain what should be here, instead, you should actually be discussing your results.
- In your research specification you may have also mentioned what questions from your questions you would be focusing on, based on your objectives. Be sure that these are questions that you discuss in this section.
- Students sometimes make the mistake of discussing random things that are not based on the findings of the discussion

# Conclusion And Recommendations

Whatever you specified you would be discussing in this section is what you should discuss. Please also ensure that your conclusion is based on your results. So it should not be that you are drawing conclusion based on what another researcher did.

Your recommendations should also be reflective/based on your findings. So again please ensure that your research specification highlights these things that needs to be included.

# Review Questions

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1. Micheal is now ready to do his research. She completed his research specification. How exactly should Micheal approach this research given that she completed a research specification. Explain.
2. Explain the importance of Micheal using her research specification as a guide when doing her research?
3. If you were asked to undertake the proposed research investigation in accordance with the agreed specification and procedures, what do you believe they are asking you to do? Thoroughly explain