

## **Instructions for work-in-progress report FA18**

### **Objectives**

- To demonstrate a thorough and critical understanding of theories, key concepts and methods related to the research project
- To demonstrate an ability to write according to academic journal standards, including using APA style in a correct way
- To demonstrate an ability to reflect upon and take responsibility for one's own learning process

### **Instructions**

The work-in-progress (WIP) report should demonstrate the student's ability to write in an academic style with the same standards applied as for publication in scientific journals. The main part of the paper should be a write up of the research project, including theoretical background, research question(s), method, ethics, results (if applicable), discussion and limitations. In addition, there should also be a personal reflection, where you describe what you have done during the semester and reflect on your research experience by identifying what was learned, personal strengths and opportunities for growth, and how the experience informs your future educational and career goals. The WIP should also include a 150-250 words abstract covering the whole content.

The report should be around 7-8 pages, double spaced (excluding references) and be conducted using APA style. Roughly, 5 pages should be about the research project and the remaining 2 pages covering the personal reflections.

### **Please make sure to include the following:**

- An abstract of 150-250 words
- Introduction and background
- Research question(s)
- Method
- Results (if applicable)
- Discussion
- Limitations
- Personal reflection

The different parts of the paper, focusing on the research project and the personal reflection, is weighted so that the grade is based to 60% on the first part (research project and academic writing) and 40% on the personal reflection part.

The paper is due **11:59pm Thursday December 5th**, please hand it in through the assignment in Canvas.

## **Grading**

The grading for this assignment is broken down as following:

<b>Correct use of APA style</b> <i>Formatting, references, headers, quotations.</i>	10%
<b>Theoretical background, method section</b> <i>Is relevant theories and key concepts defined and explained? Does it follow a logical sequence?</i>	20%
<b>Discussion</b> <i>Is there a critical analysis of the research and methods?</i>	25%
<b>Personal reflection</b> <i>Does the student demonstrate an ability to reflect upon their learning experience?</i>	40%
<b>Overall impression</b> <i>How is the language and writing style? Are there any spelling and grammar mistakes?</i>	5%
<b>Total</b>	100%