

Scientific essays

Definition:

It is a writing that accounts for a theoretical and methodological reflection in relation to the field of a specific discipline. It is an exercise of argumentation of ideas around a question, objective or central hypothesis; a reflective exercise where the author exposes arguments supported by theory or empirical references, in a clear and coherent way.

It is composed of three parts (which may or may not be subtitled): 1. *introduction*, where the central question, objective or hypothesis that guides the discussion is defined; 2. *argumentation*, which constitutes the body of the essay, is supported by empirical evidence and/or theory that contributes to the analysis of the addressed topic; 3. *conclusions*, where the central arguments are recovered and a deeper reflection is made on them as they serve the author to issue his own opinion as an answer to the initial question or hypothesis.

I. Formal criteria

- Completed *author's data sheet*. The author's *academic and professional profile* must also be included (up to 75 words).
- It should include an *abstract* and up to 5 *keywords*.
- It should contain: *introduction*, *argumentation*, *conclusions* and *bibliographical references*.
- Clear writing and grammatical correctness.
- Length: up to 10,000 words, including abstract, footnotes and bibliography.
- Bibliography and bibliographical references according to the stipulated standards.

II. On content

- Problem to be addressed clearly stated.
- Original, argued and critical academic discussion.
- Novel contributions, or from an original approach to the addressed topic.
- Argumentation with empirical and theoretical references on the topic to be analyzed.