

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.