

Master I (LS)

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Successful Research

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Successful Research

- Successful research is related to the quality of the collected data and the good presentation of the findings. It depends on a set of factors including the selection of the appropriate methodology, the researcher's style and skills, the organization of the research work and time management.



The Appropriate Methodology

- The choice of the appropriate methodology plays an important role in determining the success of the research work. It enables the researcher to provide valid and reliable results. Moreover, it helps to save time and effort.



The Appropriate Methodology

- The appropriate methodology implies the accurate choice of the research method, sampling method and the data collection tools.
- It also embodies the selection of the suitable techniques of data analysis and interpretation as well as the proper presentation of the findings.



The Writing Style

- The researcher's writing style is an essential element in determining the quality of the research work. The mastery of the target language enables the investigator to convey his/her ideas in a meaningful and correct manner. Moreover, the conventions of academic writing should be taken into consideration.



The Researcher's Skills

- The researcher represents the main factor behind the success of research. He/ she should have the following characteristics: honesty, curiosity, intellectual creativity, perseverance and healthy criticism . Also, the researcher should be skilful in collecting data, interpreting the results and convincing the readership.



Organization

- The researcher should follow a logical manner when gathering and analysing information. Furthermore, the research work should be well organized by connecting the presented ideas and linking the different chapters in a consistent way.



Time Management

- Research is a process that does not end. However, academic studies are assumed to stop at a certain limit. Therefore, the researcher should gain time by restricting the research topic to a narrow domain that does not require a long period of investigation.
- Time management also plays an important role in the different steps of research including the phases of information gathering, data analysis and writing the research work.



Successful Research

- Successful research constitutes the outcome of several factors including the researcher's qualities and the adopted methodology.
- The researcher should give importance to the significance and the quality of the collected information as well as the way of interpreting and presenting the research results.



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