# ICT UNIVERSITY

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# Course: Theory Development with Systematic Literature reviews

## Course objectives

The single most prevalent research methodology employed by doctoral students in all fields of social science is the literature review, whether as the foreground to a research study, to their doctoral theses, or as a standalone study in its own right. While there are numerous guides on how to conduct literature reviews in different disciplines, none specifically describes how to develop a review explicitly focused on making a theoretical contribution from a social science perspective. This course will guide ICT University students to addresses this need by providing each student with a clear cut rigorous training in the systematic literature review methodology with a specific goal of making a valuable theoretical contribution. Students will be able to learn to employ systematic reviews of different forms at different stages of their academic career.

## Course description

This course trains students to synthesize past research systematically and rigorously such as to lay out, build or test theory, and to make a valuable theoretical contribution. Students will learn the nature of theory from a social science perspective and how to keep academic research focused on theory development. Students will learn the major stages of the systematic literature review methodology: specifying the purpose of the review; writing the study protocol and training the reviewers; the practical screen; the literature search; data extraction; quality appraisal; synthesis of the included studies; and writing the discussion and conclusions such as to make a theoretical contribution. This course is particularly tailored for doctoral students in ICT University, but it is sufficiently general and recommended to be valuable for graduate and post-graduate doctoral level students in any social science discipline.

## Systematic literature review pilot study

As the major project for the semester, each student will write the protocol for a systematic review and conduct a pilot study for that review. The protocol is a detailed study plan that describes step-by-step how a study will be conducted. The protocol will be submitted by midterm for feedback. The midterm protocol will be scored 5% of the 50% pilot study mark with three possible scores: 5% (complete and thorough); 2% (incomplete and inadequate); and 0% (no submission or unacceptable). Thorough feedback will be provided on the submission.

The completed pilot study will consist of a comprehensive (not exhaustive) literature search, and a summative synthesis approach. The final grade for the protocol and pilot study will be scored as one combined paper for 50% of the course grade.The feedback for the final submitted paper will include suggestions on what is needed to conduct a full-fledged study and recommendations on how to proceed.

There will be three submission steps:

* Early in the semester: First draft of protocol submitted for early (non-graded) feedback
* Around mid-semester: Complete protocol submission
* End of the semester: Final submission of revised protocol and completed pilot study

# Topics covered

* Objectives of theory-mining systematic reviews
	+ What is theory?
	+ Three kinds of theory-mining reviews: theory landscaping, theory contending and theory testing
	+ Research questions
	+ Dissemination
	+ Rigour vs. Relevance
* Protocol and training for reviews
	+ Research protocols
	+ Training for team research
	+ Reliability in team research
* Practical screen
	+ Theory-guided considerations of which kinds of articles to include or exclude in the literature search
* Literature search
	+ How and where to search the literature with a goal of developing theory
* Data extraction
	+ How to extract data from identified studies with a goal of developing theory
* Quality appraisal
	+ If and how to evaluate the quality of studies identified
* Synthesis
	+ How to aggregate the studies identified with a goal of developing theory
* Presentation of theoretical contributions
	+ How to argue and present the theoretical contributions of the review

# List of readings

Required reading before third class session *(All students are required to read this two articles presented by Dr. Chitu Okoli before the third class session).*

Okoli, Chitu. A Guide to Conducting a Standalone Systematic Literature Review. *Communications of the Association for Information Systems.* In press since August 2015.

Okoli, Chitu. The view from giants’ shoulders: guidelines for developing theory with theory-mining literature reviews. Working paper, 2015.

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Ridley, D. 2008. *The Literature Review: A Step-by-Step Guide for Students*, Sage Publications Ltd.

## Introduction to systematic reviews

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Pope, C., Mays, N., and Popay, J. 2007. “Different types of evidence review”, pp. 3-18, ch. 1 of *Synthesizing qualitative and quantitative health evidence: a guide to methods*, McGraw-Hill International.

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