

Week 7 Writing and Presenting a Preliminary Draft

1. Lecture Objective

- 1) The purpose of this lecture is to help students write a preliminary draft of their research paper based on the work completed so far and present it for feedback.
- 2) This process allows students to evaluate the logical structure and research direction of their paper.

2. Meaning of a Preliminary Draft

- 1) A preliminary draft is not the final paper, but an early stage document that outlines the main structure and argument of the research.
- 2) Its purposes include:
 - (1) Clarifying the main thesis of the research
 - (2) Examining the overall structure of the paper
 - (3) Receiving feedback from the professor and peers
 - (4) Identifying weaknesses or gaps in the research

3. Basic Structure of a Preliminary Draft

- 1) A typical preliminary draft includes the following sections.

2) Introduction

- (1) Introduction to the research topic
- (2) Purpose of the research
- (3) Research questions

3) Literature Review

- (1) Review of previous studies
- (2) Major scholarly perspectives

4) Methodology

- (1) Explanation of research methods
- (2) Data sources and research approach

5) Preliminary Analysis

- (1) Initial findings
- (2) Key arguments of the research

6) Expected Conclusion

- (1) Anticipated conclusions
- (2) Significance of the research

4. Preparing for the Presentation

- 1) Presenting the preliminary draft is an important step in refining the research direction.
- 2) Students should consider the following when preparing:
 - (1) Presentation time: 10–15 minutes
 - (2) Focus on the central argument
 - (3) Clearly explain the research question
 - (4) Present current findings

5. Importance of Feedback

- 1) After the presentation, students receive feedback from peers and the instructor.
- 2) The purpose of feedback includes:
 - (1) Evaluating the logical structure
 - (2) Clarifying the research question
 - (3) Assessing the use of sources
 - (4) Improving the research direction

6. Discussion Questions

- 1) What is the most important element of a preliminary draft?
- 2) What problems occur if the research question is unclear?
- 3) Why is feedback important in academic writing?

7. Assignment

- 1) Submit the following by next week:
- 2) Revised preliminary draft
- 3) 5–10 pages in length
- 4) Include references

5) Reflect the feedback received