Field-Based Research Study Final Paper Format

The final paper for the Field-Based Research Study should have the following sections in the specified order and follow APA (6th Edition) guidelines regarding verb tense, formatting, and listing and citing references.

Title Page

Introduction
Do not include the term “Introduction” as a header for this section. This information should be weaved together in a meaningful series of connecting paragraphs that total approximately one to one and a half pages. See Section 2.05 or pages 27-28 in the APA manual.
The introduction will include the following information:
Statement of the Problem
Purpose and Research Questions (or Hypotheses)
Significance of the Study
Personal Connection (What prompted this study?) - if applicable

Literature Review
The literature review should summarize the state of research as related to the problem identified (approximately 4-6 pages) and include:
- Peer reviewed or empirical studies (original research reports)
- Current literature conducted within the last 10 years (unless you are citing significant historical studies)
- Appropriate transitions between paragraphs
- Brief summary at end of review (1 paragraph)
- Minimum of 20 references with the majority being empirical

Method* (See section 2.06 or pages 29-35 in the APA manual)
Participants
Instruments or Materials
Procedures (includes research approach and data collection)
*For a qualitative study, one may need to include the following information in addition to or in place of the above sections:
Role of the Researcher
Data Triangulation
Ethical Considerations
Site Information

Results
Data Analysis
Explanation of data analysis and results; hypotheses or research questions must be addressed
It will be helpful to display results in tables, charts, or other graphic formats; the purpose of these displays is to supplement explanation of results.

Discussion (Link findings to the research in the literature review)
Discussion of Findings
Limitations of the Study
Implications for Practice and/or the Profession
• What do you plan to do with the results?
• How do the results impact you?

Recommendations for Future Research

References

Appendices
Include any surveys, questionnaires, etc.
Each appendix should have a label - Appendix A, B, C, etc.
IRB approval letter (if requested by instructor)