

Instructions for writing a Synopsis

The synopsis must be structured so that it is manageable and easy to read.

You should ask your course manager about the expected length of your synopsis as this likely differs between courses.

Synopsis

A synopsis is a short description of the most important information about something; a summary or an outline. It is usually a method of written communication within social science.

The word synopsis is Greek and means to see several things in a context. A synopsis is a summary sketch that can form the basis for a larger project or an oral presentation, e.g. an exam. A synopsis must not be a complete answer to an assignment, but rather a general introduction - a kind of 'appetizer'. When you write a synopsis you decide where your audience should focus within your subject.

You might write references in your synopsis, but it is not a prerequisite.