

“Let’s Write A Research Thesis”

Supportive Notes To An Online Course By MeanThat

1.1 What Is a Research

We will begin our journey of developing a solid research by actually defining what a research is. Now, I sometimes see that here students occasionally have problems understanding it. The basic definitions says:

Research is something that people undertake in order to find out things in systematic way, thereby increasing their knowledge.

This sentence has **several important points that you should take from it:**

First of all, this activity - the research - is done in systematic way. This is actually a reason why the course you are right now following is existent. research is important because of methodology and that is what this part of sentence refers to. Research is scientific, you should follow specific guidelines which often feel too rigid and limiting but on the other hand there is a reason why these exist. Behind all of those methodological guidelines that you read are tens or hundreds years of research. People developed them to ensure that any researcher will do a solid, reliable and valid research.

Secondly, another interesting part of sentence is that research should increase the knowledge. Thing of the world around us as if it had some conjoint overall amount of knowledge generated so far. Your task as a researcher is always to in a very very incremental way increase this overall knowledge that is existent. And I am not just talking about writing a whole new theories, but even something small is considered an “increase in knowledge”. For instance if you will research which meals do people in your home city prefer the most, that is also some new information that no one ever found out.