

MEMT 455: Psychology of Music
Purpose Statement and Research Questions/Hypotheses

Purpose Statement (Creswell, 2014, p. 126)

The purpose of this _____ study is to test the theory of _____
(*experiment? survey?*)

_____ that _____ the
(*insert theory*) (describes outcomes) or (compares? relates?)

_____ to _____ for
(*independent variable*) (dependent variable)

_____ of _____. The independent
(*participants*) (research site)

variable(s) _____ will be defined as _____.
(provide a definition)

The dependent variable(s) will be defined as _____.
(provide a definition)

Research Questions and Hypotheses

After completing your purpose statement, how are you using your variables? Are you comparing, relating, or describing? This will influence how you write your research question(s) (Creswell, 2014, p. 143-145).

Write your research question(s) below.

You may also choose to write a hypothesis instead of a research question. Write a null or alternative hypothesis (directional or nondirectional) for your study. Indicate the type you are attempting.