

CLASSICAL ACADEMY OF ARMS Provost Research Paper Template

The research paper required for candidates for the rank of Classical Fencing Provost is an academic paper intended to identify a problem in classical fencing techniques, rules, training methods, or competitions, and propose a solution to the identified problem.

This template provides a standard format for the paper. The sections in italics are explanatory material, and the sections numbered, lettered, or underlined provide the basic format. Prepare the paper in Times New Roman 12 point using 2.0 line spacing. While this format is not mandatory, and there are a variety of approaches to writing an academic paper, we suggest that any significant variation be discussed with your thesis supervisor.

TITLE

Author

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Problem Defined

Explain what problem in classical fencing this paper attempts to propose a solution. Clearly limit the scope of the problem by years, school, weapon, type of activity so that you can have a realistic chance of offering a solution in a 10 to 15 page paper.

Example - This research paper examines the use of command driven instruction in teaching basic synchronization of blade and foot movement in classical dueling sword. Because dueling sword movement patterns differ from those of classical foil and sabre, command driven instruction may or may not offer a superior way of teach synchronization in the reassembly, on the back foot first advance, and the front foot first retreat. Etc.

B. Current Status

Information which describes the current status of the problem you are examining. Support this material with citations to sources that show the nature, extent, and impact of the problem.

II. DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM AND IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

This is the major portion of the paper. You should examine the current status to determine its elements. Then identify possible solutions to the problem. These may be either solutions identified in sources that you consult, solutions based on interviews with other teachers of fencing, or solutions that you have developed yourself. In each case establish their potential usefulness with either detailed rich description of how the possible solution works or with testing of the solution when practical. Support each solution with citations to the sources you use.

Although this section does not require a formal literature review, you should show that you are familiar with the applicable literature by using the concepts in the literature and citing each as appropriate. Citations should be in-text citations with the author's last name and date in parentheses.

Your analysis should rank the relative attractiveness of your possible solutions and show the pros and cons for each.

III. PROPOSAL

The proposal section identifies which solution is the preferable one, and describes how this solution could be implemented.

WORKS CITED

Articles and books used in the project and cited in the text (such as in the current status and the problem discussion). List in alphabetical order, each cited as follows: name of author; title of book or article; for articles the name and date of the publication or volume and edition number; for books the publisher, place of publication and date; for videos (tape or CD/DVD) the publisher, and date of publication; and for webpages the URL and date it was accessed.