

## Appendix A: Sample Literature Review Outline and Organization

Our class used summaries of eight research papers in *Academic Writing for Graduate Students* (Swales & Feak, 2012, pp. 341–342). The papers discussed the incidence of self-citation in various fields, as well as the reasons that authors chose to cite their own research and some of the effects of self-citation.

We choose a combination of specific to general and cause and effect organizational styles. The first two topics focus on statistics and percentages, which are considered specific information. We can then use these specific examples to point to the more general topics of motivations (causes) of self-citation and the effects of self-citation.

- I. Texts focusing on percentages of self-citations in different fields
  - a. Snyder & Bonzi (1989)
  - b. Fowler & Aksnes (2007)
  - c. Falagas & Kavvadia (2006)
- II. Individual variations of self-citation
  - a. Fowler & Aksnes (2007)
  - b. Phelan (1999)
- III. Motivations for self-citation
  - a. Hyland (2003)
  - b. Bonzi & Snyder (1991)
  - c. White (2001)
- IV. Effects of self-citation
  - a. Fowler and Aksmes (2007)
  - b. Medoff (2006)
  - c. Bonzi & Snyder (1991)