APA STYLE: 6\textsuperscript{TH} EDITION

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WHAT IS APA STYLE?

• APA stands for American Psychological Association, the scientific and professional organization of psychologists in the United States.
• APA style is a writing style commonly used in psychology, human sciences, social sciences, and behavioral sciences.
• It provides guidelines for writing style, formatting of papers/documents, and citing/references resources throughout the paper.
OVERALL FORMAT

- Double-spaced
- Standard size paper (8.5” x 11”)
- 1 inch margins on all sides
- 12 pt. Times New Roman font
- Two spaces after each period or end-of-sentence punctuation.
- Page header
  - Page number flush on upper right
  - TITLE OF YOUR PAPER (in all capital letters) flush on upper left
TITLE PAGE

- Title of the paper
- Running head
- Author’s name
- Institutional affiliation
ABSTRACT

- No indentation
- Concise summary of key points of research
- Between 150 and 250 words
- Keywords
The body of the paper contains all the content that you are presenting.

In the body of the paper, you must include your own original thinking as well as cite or quote information that you used from various research and literature sources.

There are certain rules for citing and quoting material in the body of the paper.

At the end of the paper, you must include a list of all the references from which you cited and/or quoted.
CITATIONS

• Citations are used when you are paraphrasing (restating in your own words) another author’s ideas.
  • Example: FSU is an amazing university (Author’s Last name, year).
• If there are one or two authors, include both author’s last name in each citation.
  • Example: (Jeter, 2012)
  • Example: (Jeter & Smith, 2012)
• Notice that the paraphrase comes first, then the parenthetical citation, then it is followed by a period.
CITATIONS

• If there are 3 to 5 authors, write all of their last names in citation first time they appear in the paper, and then write (First author’s last name et al., year) after the first citation.
  • First time example: (Jeter, Smith, & Taylor, 2012)
  • After the first time: (Jeter et al., 2012)

• If there are 6 or more authors, you only write the first author’s last name, followed by et al. each time it is cited (first time and every time after).
QUOTATIONS

• Quotations are used when you are stating, word-for-word, what another author is saying.

• Quotations should be used sparingly and only where the author’s emphasis is necessary.

• “Quotations” include the author, year of publication, and page(s) where the quote can be found.
  • Ex: The author stated, “Happy Birthday to you” (Authors, 2012, p. 111).
  • If the quote is less than 40 words, put quotations around what you are quoting and type it out in sentence format (like shown above).
  • If the quote is 40 or more words, use the block style of quoting.
REFERENCES

- All cited and quoted references are listed in the reference list.
- The first line of a reference is flush. The second line of a reference list is indented.
- They are double spaced and listed in alphabetical order.
- Alphabetical order is determined by first author’s last name. You never change the order the authors are listed on the article.
  - If there is more than one reference by the same author, then list the publications by year.
    Jeter, N. (2009)
    Jeter, N. (2011)
EXAMPLE REFERENCE LIST

References


REFERENCE LIST

• The various sources on the reference listed are formatted according to number of authors and type of reference (book, journal article, webpage, interview, etc.).

• You must following the appropriate formatting for the type of reference.

• The examples following are not exhaustive, but you can consult the American Psychological Association (APA manual) for a more comprehensive set of standards.

• Pay attention the following in the examples: capital letters, punctuation, spacing, indentation, and italics. These are all purposeful and very important.
REFERENCE LIST: SINGLE AUTHOR

• Last name first, followed by author initials.

• Berndt, T. J. (2002). Friendship quality and social development.
  
  *Current Directions in Psychological Science, 11*, 7-10.
List by their last names and initials. Use the ampersand instead of "and."

REFERENCE LIST: THREE TO SEVEN AUTHORS

- List by last names and first initials; commas separate author names, while the last author name is preceded again by ampersand.

REFERENCE LIST: MORE THAN SEVEN AUTHORS

• List first six authors, followed by comma and …, and then list last author.

REFERENCES


REFERENCE LIST: BOOKS

- Author, A. A. (Year of publication). Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle. Location: Publisher.

  **Note:** For "Location," you should always list the city and the state using the two letter postal abbreviation without periods (New York, NY).


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• List as much of the following information as possible.
