APA Citation Guidelines (6th ed.)

OVERVIEW
- American Psychological Association (APA) style is commonly used in behavioral sciences, social sciences, and business.
- APA is currently in its 6th edition.

REFERENCE LIST
- Each entry in the Reference List should be double spaced and have a hanging indent.
- Alphabetized entries by the last name of the first author of each work or by title of the work if no author is available.
- For books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize the first word in a title, proper nouns, and the word after the colon
  - Example: *The intricacies of Szechuan food: A guide to mala*
- Italicize titles of longer works such as books and journals.
- Do not italicize, underline, or put quotes around the titles of shorter works such as journal articles or essays in edited collections.
- Digital object identifiers (DOI) are unique alphanumeric strings used to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the Internet. DOIs are often listed in journal articles and is recommended to include them when citing.

Periodicals (journals, newspapers, magazines, etc.)
Journal Article with DOI (Digital Object Identifier)
Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, xx*, pp-pp. doi: xx.xxxxxxxx

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer Support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*, 224-229. doi: 10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

Journal Article When DOI is Not Available
When a DOI is not available and the reference was retrieved online, give the URL of the journal home page as a substitute. No retrieval date is needed.

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, xx*, pp-pp. Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxxx

Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap

Online Newspaper Article
Author, A.A. (Date). Title of the Article. *Title of Publishing Site.* Retrieved from
http://www.xxxxxxxx

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic social status. *The New York Times.*
Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com

Books and Reference Books
Entire Book, Print Version
Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work.* Location: Publisher.

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency.* London, England:
Taylor & Francis.

Entire Book, Digital Version
Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work.* Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxxx

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer Addiction? A study of computer dependency* [DX Reader
version]. Retrieved from http://www.ebookstore.tandt.co.uk/html/index.asp

Reference Book
Editor, A. A. (Ed.). (Year). *Title of work.* Location: Publisher

VandenBos, G. R. (Ed.). (2007). *APA dictionary of psychology.* Washington, DC: American
Psychological Association

Audiovisual Media
Motion Picture
Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion
picture]. Country of Origin: Studio.

Dog Eat Dog Production, Lawrence Bender (Producer), & Quentin Tarantino (Director). (1992).
Reservoir Dogs [Motion Picture]. United States of America: Live America Inc.

Music Recording
Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On
Title of album [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of
recording if different from song copyright date)

Lang, K. D. (2008); Shadow and the Frame. On *Watershed* [CD]. New York, NY:
Nonesuch Records.

Note: In-text citations include side and band or track numbers: "Shadow and the Frame" (Lang,
2008, track 10).

<u>Video/Film</u>
Primary Producer (Producer). (Publication date). *Name of video* [Medium of video]. Available
      from http://www.xxxxxxxxx

American Psychological Association (Producer). (2000). *Responding therapeutically to patient*
      expressions of sexual attraction [DVD]. Available from <u>http://www.apa.org/videos/</u>

IN TEXT CITATIONS

Direct Quotation of Sources
Always provide the **author**, **year**, and **specific page citation or paragraph number** (for
sources with no page numbers) in the text.

<u>Example:</u> Confusing this issue is the overlapping nature of roles in palliative care, whereby
"medical needs are met by those in the medical disciplines; nonmedical needs may be addressed
by anyone on the team" (Csikai & Chaitin, 2006, p. 112).

Paraphrasing Sources
It is recommended to include a **page** or **paragraph number** when paraphrasing material from a
source in order to help the reader locate the passage within the text.

<u>Example</u>: John Smith emphasizes throughout his article that the Americans with Disabilities Act
is the first comprehensive federal legislation that prohibits discrimination on the basis of
disability (15).

Basic In-Text Citation Styles

Type of Citation	First mention of author in text	Subsequent mentions in text	Parenthetical citation, first citation in text	Parenthetical citations, subsequent citations in text
One work by one author	Lee (2007)	Lee (2007)	(Lee, 2007)	(Lee, 2007)
One work by two authors	Lee and Thompson (2004)	Lee and Thompson (2004)	(Lee & Thompson, 2004)	(Lee & Thompson, 2004)
One work by three authors	Lee, Thompson, and Park (2006)	Lee et al. (2006)	(Lee, Thompson, and Park, 2006)	(Lee et. al., 2006)
One work by six or more authors	Lee et al. (2013)	Lee et al. (2013)	(Lee et. al, 2013)	(Lee et. al, 2013)

(*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, p. 177)

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One Work by One Author
Use the author-date method of citation by citing both the **author** and **year of publication**.

Example: Kessler (2003) found that early onset social anxiety disorder results in a more potent and severe course. The study also showed that there was a high rate of comorbidity with alcohol abuse or dependence and major depression (Kessler, 2003).

One Work by Multiple Authors
- For two authors, cite both names every time the reference occurs in text.
- For three, four, or five authors, cite all authors the first time the reference occurs. In subsequent citations, include only the last name of the first author followed by "et al."

Example:
- First citation in text: "Kisangau, Lyaruu, Hosea, and Joseph (2007) found…."
- Subsequent citation in text: "Kisangau et al. (2007) found…."

Works with No Identified Author or With an Anonymous Author
In the text, cite the **first few words** of the reference entry list (usually the title) and the **year**.

Example: When surveyed about their concerns about attending college, seniors stated that they "worried if they would be able to adapt to college-level coursework" ("Emotional intelligence," 2007).

Reference Entry for Above Example:
Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness (2007). *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND REFERENCES:
- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed.
- Purdue OWL: APA Formatting and Style:
  https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

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