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)


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.


Online Newspaper Article


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


Entire Book, Digital Version


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


Audiovisual Media
Motion Picture


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)


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

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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.

Example: 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.

Example: 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

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

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND REFERENCES:**
- Purdue OWL: APA Formatting and Style: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/)

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