West Library Citation Guide

APA Citation Style
American Psychological Association, 6th ed.

This is intended as a general guide to help you start your References page and to help you understand the kind of information you should be keeping track of as you research. There are a number of other rules, suggestions, and allowances for creating your bibliography/reference page. Furthermore, your professor’s requirements supersede anything written in this or the APA guide. Please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th ed., which is located behind the Reference and Circulation Desks at the West Library. You can also ask one of the librarians at the Reference Desk or send an email to reference@txwes.edu if you have any questions or need help.

Preparing your References (APA 6.22-6.25)

- Alphabetize your list based on the last name of the first author or editor listed. If there is no author or editor, alphabetize based on the title of the work, omitting the words A, An, or The.
- Include all materials consulted, including personal interviews and unpublished materials.
- Double Space
- Use hanging indents: The first line of each entry is flush with the margin. Following lines are indented. You can do this in Microsoft Word by highlighting your references page, going to Format, Paragraph, then selecting “Hanging” from the list of Special Indentations.

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Is it a fact that the average person would know and not disagree with?

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In your references page:

Single Author (APA 6.27)


Authors’ names should always be given last name first, followed by first and middle initials.

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Invert the names of all authors, giving last name, the first and middle initials. Give the authors’ names in the order they are listed on their paper.


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Whenever you are quoting someone or presenting an idea that isn’t yours, you need to provide a citation in the text, even if it is not a direct quote. For more information on how and what to cite, please see the APA Manual, or ask a librarian or your professor.

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Examples

Garton (2005) suggests that children learn problem solving best in a social atmosphere. The mechanism for finding cases to investigate for evidence of child abuse varies from state-to-state (Durfee, Durfee, & West, 2002).

Citing an indirect source in the text of your paper

When you want to cite something said as it was cited in another source: Smith says that...(as cited in Jones, 2008, p. 563).

Include the citation for the Jones article in your references page.

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Citing a Book (APA 7.02)


Edited book, No Author


Edition other than the first


Article or Chapter in an edited book

Citing a Periodical (APA 7.01)

Journal Article

Include the volume number for all journals, and italicize this. Include the issue number if the journal is paginated by volume (each volume of the journal starts numbering the pages at “1”).


Article in a newspaper

Article in a magazine

For an article found on an online journal from a database, such as Academic Search Complete (APA 6.32):

-OR-

APA suggests adding the digital object identifier (doi) at the end of the citation if it is provided in an online article. Most professors at TWU require an inclusion of the doi for all electronic articles.
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Include as much of the following information as you can find (you may need to look at root pages or on “About this site” pages to find some of the information):
Authors, F. M. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. Title of Periodical or Website. Retrieved from URL.

- Include as much information for the date as is available, such as the full date of the page or site’s last update. If there is no publication date, indicate with (n.d.).
- If there is no author or organization as author, begin the citation with the title of the web page. Use the first word in the title to alphabetize the cite in your references list.
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If the website pages are stable and numbered (as in PDF files), include page numbers with the citation. Otherwise, do not.
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2009)
If there is no author or organization as author given, cite using the first few words of the web page’s title.
(“Novel H1N1,” n.d.)

Citing Legal Materials (APA Appendix 7.1)

US Supreme Court Decisions
- In the text of your paper (Brown v. Board of Education, 1954)

Federal Statutes
Name of Act § Section number, Volume number U.S.C. § Section number (Year).
- In the text of your paper (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 1990)

Note: to get the section symbol (§): ALT 0167

For more detailed information, refer to Appendix 7.1 of the APA Manual or the Bluebook System of Citations. Both are at the Reference Desk.

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Formatting Your APA Paper (APA 8.03)

- Your font should be Times New Roman, 12 point.
- The paper should be double spaced with 1 inch margins.
- Indent the first line of every paragraph, with the exception of the abstract.

Changing Defaults in Microsoft Word 2010

- Omit double space between paragraphs (Home→Styles→No spacing)
- Font (Home→Font→Times New Roman, 12)
- Margins (Page Layout→Margins→1 inch all around)
- Paragraph Spacing (Home→Paragraph→Spacing, Double)

General Guidelines

(Please note, this information does not take the place of your professor’s requirements. Always read the full assignment and clarify questions with your professor first.)

Order of Pages

- Title page
- Abstract
- Text
- References
- Tables (if used)
- Figures (if used)
- Appendices (if used)

Title Page

- Title: should summarize the main idea of manuscript. Recommended title length is no more than 12 words.
- Running head
- Author byline: First name, middle initial, last name. Omit titles and degrees.
- Institutional affiliation: Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas
- Author note: Not used in student papers unless assigned by prof.

Running Head

- Abbreviated title printed on the top pages of the manuscript
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- To create in Word
  - Insert→Header
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  - All other pages
    - TITLE OF RUNNING HEAD
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Abstract
• BRIEF summary of the contents of the article
• Label page Abstract, center and not bolded
• Start on new page; not indented
• 150-250 words
• 1 paragraph
• Details in 2.04 of APA manual
• In literature review-type paper, include:
  • Problem under investigation
  • Main results and important moderators
  • Conclusions
  • Implications for theory, policy or practice

Introduction
• Start on new page
• Put title of paper, center not bolded
• Do not label as introduction
• Intro tips are in section 2.05, and include:
  • A good introduction should be able to answer the following questions in a few paragraphs
    • Why is this problem important?
    • How does the study relate to previous work?
    • What are the implications of the study?

Levels of Heading
• Section 3.03

  Level 1: Centered, Bold, Title Case
  Level 2: Flush Left, Bold, Title Case
  Level 3: Indented, bold, sentence case, ends with period.
  Level 4: Indented, bold, italicized, sentence case, ends with period.
  Level 5: Indented, italicized, sentence case, ends with period.
References


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