BASICS OF APA CITATION
Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association

6th Edition

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Why use the APA format?

- The most common writing style in the social sciences
- Looks professional
- Avoid plagiarism
References

- Required if you cite any sources in your paper
- Every source cited in your paper must appear on the reference list, and every entry in your reference list must be cited in your paper
- Alphabetize the list of references
- If you have more than one entry by the same author, list them by year of publication with the earliest year first
- Double spaced!
APA Reference Style: Book

- Book:

  **Title of book**
  In italics
  First letter of the title, subtitle, and proper nouns are capitalized

  i.e., Cambridge, MA

**Book in Print**

**Electronic Book**
Single-authored book


*Note: In the 5th edition of APA, there is NO underlining (everything that was underlined is now in italics).*
Edited book


*Note: Capitals in the title of the book are restricted to the first letter of the first word of the title, the first letter of any proper names, and the first letter of the first word after a semicolon, period, or question mark.*
Dual-authored book


*Note: when listing authors, use an ampersand (&) in the reference list, not “and.”
APA Reference Style: Periodical

- **Journal**
  - APA uses only initials, no first names, no middle names
  - The date follows directly after the author's name

- **Periodical**
  - Volume number in italics
  - Issue number is in parentheses and not italicized
  - No pp. to indicate page numbers

- **Journal Title**
  - In Italics using traditional title case
  - *Child Development* = journal
  - *Child development* = book

- **Article title**
  - Not in quotes or italics
  - First letter of the title, subtitle, and proper nouns are capitalized
  - i.e. What we did last summer: My trip to Paris
Single-authored article


*Note: The first letter of every important word in the title of the journal is capitalized.*

*Note: Can you find the volume number and page numbers in this citation?
What is the Author-Date Method?

- The name of the author is followed *DIRECTLY* by the date

  - Author (Date)

  Harris (1989) notes....

  - (Author, Date)

  A recent study (Harris, 2003) indicates that....

Research shows.. Studied indicate...

Always cite the studies!
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