**APA (7th ed.) Style Guide**

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**Author Note**

This guide has been formatted using APA (7th ed.) formatting. The title page, headings, and citations follow the basic overall style (with the exception of double spacing). Consult the APA Manual for more specific examples.

**APA (7th ed.) Style Guide (Title of Paper)**

This guide provides basic examples for the APA (American Psychological Association) style. For more complete information, consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.) or the website, *APA Formatting and Style Guide*, prepared by the Open Writing Lab of Purdue University: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style>

**General APA Formatting (Level 1 Heading)**

APA require double spacing on 8 ½” x 11” paper, and 1” margins. APA 7ed. is flexible with fonts, but it needs to be consistent throughout the paper. If a paper is intended to be read online, it is best to use a sans serif font (e.g. Calibri, Arial) as opposes to a serif font (e.g. Times New Roman). San serif fonts are easier to read on screens (sans serif fonts do not have the extra strokes added to the typeface; Monkey vs. Monkey). References should have a ½” hanging indent. If an abstract is required, it follows the title page, with “Abstract” as a level 1 heading. The research paper starts on a new page. *If an instructor has provided specific guidelines, follow their instructions.*

**Examples of References (Level 2 Heading)**

Examples of common resources used in undergraduate research are shown below. Unless otherwise specified, “Year” refers to year of publication. For sources not covered here, refer to the APA 7ed. Manual or Purdue OWL.

***Book with One Author (Level 3 Heading)***

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Publisher Name.

***eBook with One Author***

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Publisher. URL

***An Article or Chapter in an Edited Book with Authors***

Author, A. A., & Author, B.B. (Year). Title of chapter. In E. E. Editor, & F.F. Editor (Eds.), *Title of Work: Capital letter also for subtitle* (X ed., pp. pages of chapter). Publisher.

***An Article or Chapter in an Edited Book with No Authors***

E. E. Editor, & F.F. Editor (Eds.). (Year). Title of chapter. *Title of Work: Capital letter also for subtitle* (X ed., pp. pages of chapter). Publisher.

***An Article in a Periodical – Basic Form for Journals, Magazines and Newspapers.***

Author, A.A., Author, B.B., & Author, C.C. (Year, Month Day) Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number* (issue number), pages. DOI or URL

***A Webpage or Online Content***

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Date). *Title of page*. Site name. URL

***Works other than a Book, Periodical or Webpage – Basic Form***

This category includes data sets, graphics, slides, films, TV series, online videos, music, podcasts, and more. Consult the APA Manual (7th ed.) for specific examples.

Creator, C.C. (Role). (Year). Title of work [Medium]. Publisher. URL

**Examples of In-Text Citations (Level 2 Heading)**

In the body of the research paper, an in-text citation typically gives the author of the source, the year of publication, and a page number of the reference in parentheses. For example:

* In the United States, depressive disorders affect an estimated 9.5% of the older population annually (Richards, 2020).
* Research by Richards (2020) supports that the elderly depressed are chronically undertreated.
* Richards (2020) study found that “depression is even greater in elderly patients who suffer from dementia” (p. 28).
* She stated, “depression is even worse in elderly patients who suffer from dementia” (Richards, 2020, p. 28), but there are steps care providers can take to help mitigate the issue.

**Example of an APA References Page**

The reference page starts on a new blank page at the end of a research paper

(for the sake of space, it is not on a new sheet in this example). The reference page is a list of citations that provide publication information about the sources; the list is alphabetized by authors' last names (or by titles for works without authors).

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**General Notes**

* Provide an author’s first and middle initials, if available.
* If a periodical includes a volume and issue number, only the publication year is needed. For periodicals that do not include volumes and/or issues, include the month. If the periodical is published on a weekly or daily basis, include the month and date.
* Include [eBook edition] after the title of the book, but before the period, if that version is different than the print version.
* If using a print source, try and find the DOI if available. If none is available it may be omitted.
* If there is no publication date for a resource, use (n.d.) for no date.
* If no author, creator, or corporate author can be found, start the citation with the source’s title and add a retrieval date if applicable (e.g. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from URL).