

American Psychological Association (APA) Abbreviated Style Rules

General guidelines:

Margins: 1 inch

Font/Size: Times New Roman, size 12

Double-spaced

References: centered

Hanging indent for citations

Alphabetized citations

General order of citation: Author(s). (Date). Title of work. *Publication*, Details. URL or DOI

Author's Name: Last name, first initial. middle initial. (up to and including seven authors).

For example: Jones, B. R., & Smith, J. L.

Government or corporate site: List full name of agency. (American Psychological Associations)

No author given: Move the title of article to the author position, alphabetize by first significant word of the title.

If editor(s):

Whole Book - Editor, A. A. (Ed.). (2016). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

Chapter - Author, A. A. (2016). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of work* (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher.

Date: (Year, Month Day) Spell out month. If there is no date given use (n.d.).

Title of Work (Webpage, Article, Chapter or Book titles): Capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle, and proper nouns that appear in the title. Only italicize *book titles*.

Title of Publication (Website/Periodical/Journal): *Use Italics*. Capitalize all words in publications (except a, and, the, or, of, etc.). Example: *Journal of Infectious Diseases*

Other Publication Details: Periodicals - italicize volume number after the periodical title, then add issue number and page numbers (no italics). Example: *Journal Name*, 2(1), 58-71.

Print book - include Location: Publisher. Example: *Hatchet*. New York: Scholastic.

URL/Retrieval Information: No ending punctuation follows online retrieval information

For **URL**, use Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx.xxx>

For **DOI** (Digital Object Identifier), use doi:xx.xxxxxxxx (no space after colon)

Title Page

Title should be fully explanatory when standing alone

Page number is included in Running Head

Center title and your name vertically and horizontally on the page

Header

Running Head: TITLE OF PAPER

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Running Head: TITLE on first page, TITLE only on following pages

Numeric page number on right side of all pages and use only digit(s)

In-text citation (Author's last name, year of publication, page # if applicable).

Include paragraph # or page # after date. (Smith, 2016, para. 2). (Smith, 2016, pp. 1-2).

If no date or no page number, use only information given. (Smith, 2016). (Smith, p. 71).

If no author, use first few words of title in place of author. (Schizophrenia facts, 2016).

Block quote

If quote is 40+ words, start block quote on new line and indent ½ inch from left margin. Double-space, do not use quotation marks. If quote has multiple paragraphs, indent the first line of additional paragraphs an extra ½ inch from left margin. End quote with final punctuation. No punctuation follows the in-text citation.

References

Allen, D., & Hines, G. (2001). Title of the article. *Complete Magazine Title*, 14, 118-134.

doi:12.1236/5839-5678.47.6.730

Note: The DOI number is most often found in the database record of the article.

Online Periodical with DOI

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. (6 ed.). Washington DC: American Psychological Association.

Book with edition

Chancellor, A. S. (2016, October 22). Long life. *Spectator*, 332(9817), 55. Retrieved from

http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=ITOF&sw=w&u=mtlib_2_1171&v=2.1&it=r&id=GA

[LE%7CA467315133&asid=bc5647de309e81a1ec92661e4f9f7bf7](http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=ITOF&sw=w&u=mtlib_2_1171&v=2.1&it=r&id=GA)

Online Periodical with URL

Nagel, M. (n.d.). Biography. *The Official Website of Mark Twain*. Retrieved from

<http://www.cmgww.com/historic/twain/about/bio.htm>

Website with no date

National Institutes of Health: Turning Discovery into Health. (2016, October 4). DNA vaccines

protect monkeys against Zika virus. Retrieved from [https://www.nih.gov/news-](https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/dna-vaccines-protect-monkeys-against-zika-virus)

[events/nih-research-matters/dna-vaccines-protect-monkeys-against-zika-virus](https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/dna-vaccines-protect-monkeys-against-zika-virus)

Government website

Schizophrenia facts and symptoms. (2016, February). Retrieved from

<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/schizophrenia/Index.shtml>

Website with Title Only (no author)

Zeitler, P. (2012). Type 2 diabetes mellitus: Challenges in diagnosis and treatment.

Publication date

Contemporary Pediatrics, 29(7), 16-23.

Print Journal

Italicize periodical name

Italicize volume #
(issue # in parentheses)

Inclusive page numbers

General order of book citation:

Author, A. A. (2016). Title of chapter, In E. E. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp. xx-xx). Location:

Publisher.

Note: if no editor, omit chapter and editor, follow author and date with book title.

Book with Editor

General order of online periodical citation:

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year, Month Day). Title of article, *Title of*

Publication or Website, xx, pp-pp. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxx>

Online Periodical