APA Citations Overview
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IRSC Librarians offer:

✓ A comprehensive LibGuide on APA with examples, videos, and templates,

✓ An APA Quick Guide handout,

✓ Instruction sessions covering APA style,

✓ One-on-one citation and formatting assistance, and

✓ We are happy to review students’ papers for APA style citations and formatting before they submit them.
Learning Objectives

✓ Review plagiarism pitfalls and how to avoid them
✓ Review APA requirements
✓ Utilize Library LibGuides to obtain additional help
Why do we need to cite the sources we use in our research?

- To avoid plagiarism by citing quotes and paraphrasing
- To acknowledge the author’s research and ideas
- To provide information on how to track down sources
- To strengthen your thesis
- To document the research you have conducted on your topic by listing the credible sources you found
Plagiarism involves the inappropriate use of another person’s creation, especially when academic credit is awarded. Examples include an individual’s words, images, music, ideas, and more.

- Plagiarism is a violation of the student code of conduct
- Accidental plagiarism is still wrong and punishable
Avoid plagiarism by

✓ Adhering to a citation style
✓ Reading your work aloud or asking another person to read your work for you. If your language suddenly changes to a different style – that’s a red flag!
✓ Using an in-text citation wherever you draw from another person’s ideas or concepts (even when you are putting something into your own words)
✓ Using quotes AND an in-text citation when using someone’s exact words
In-text citations denote each use of a particular reference in your paper.

In-text citations contain the author’s last name and the copyright year to the publication you wish to cite. There are variations on this, such as if you reference the author in the sentence or if the reference entry begins with the title because there is no personal author or if you use a direct quotation.
The most recent report on the use of reward shows a correlation between motivation and attention (Engelmann & Pessoa, 2014).

Engelmann and Pessoa’s (2014) recent report on the use of reward shows a correlation between motivation and attention.
In-text examples-direct quotes

“Attention and motivation closely interact in the generation of complex behavior” (Engelmann & Pessoa, 2014, p. 71).

A Reference page contains a list of the sources that you used to write your paper. It is the last page of your paper.

The end-references provide enough information for your readers to locate your sources to follow up on a point you made or to obtain additional information.

For each Reference citation, you must have at least one corresponding in-text citation within your paper.
Your references will be alphabetized by the first word in the entries.

Each of these references will follow a prescribed format. APA rules determine the information you will include and proper formatting of your Reference page.
In general, the title of a work is recorded just as the words appear in the publication.

- Capitalize only the first word of a book or article title.
- Capitalize proper nouns, initials, and acronyms in a title.
- Separate a subtitle with a colon and a space. Capitalize the first letter of the subtitle.
- End the title with a period.
- Capitalize every major word in a journal or newspaper title, do not capitalize articles (i.e. a, and, the).
- Italicize periodical and book titles.
Evidence-based Practice Center Systematic Review Protocol

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Motivation Sharpens Exogenous Spatial Attention

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Keywords: visual attention, motivation, monetary reward, orienting, reorienting

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✓ Personal communications refer to e-mail, letters, and/or in-class lectures. Generally, items that are not published are only cited in the text of the paper.

Example:

The microblogging website, Twitter (https://twitter.com) is popular among younger people and celebrities.

A. M. Raulson (personal communication, January 28, 2013) says...

(T. J. Mavin, personal communication, April 15, 2013).
Examples: Personal Communication & Social Media

✓ Give the author's (or organization's) name as you normally would. Follow this with their "handle" for the social media site enclosed in square brackets.
✓ Give the date of the post with as much detail as is given, followed by the post's title (up to 40 words).
✓ Follow this with an explanation of what type of social media post it is enclosed in square brackets; i.e. Tweet, Facebook Post, Instagram Picture, etc.
✓ Click on the post's time stamp to get the most stable URL for the item.

Example:

Trump, D. J. [@realDonaldTrump]. (2017, October 4). The @NBCNews story has just been totally refuted by Sec. Tillerson and @VP Pence. It is #FakeNews. They should issue an apology to AMERICA! [Tweet]. Retrieved from https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/915596990674849792
Examples: Personal Communication & Social Media

Click the post to get the direct URL.

Hover over the time to get the detailed date.

Author

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11:18 AM - 4 Oct 2017

7,694 Retweets 26,825 Likes
APA Style requires certain formatting for papers:

- 1” margins
- Double-spaced
- Times New Roman 12 point font
- Papers consist of a title page, an abstract (when required), the body of the paper, and the References page.
✓ Title page: includes a header with Running head: SHORTENED TITLE justified left and the page number on the right
✓ Title page: centered on the page 1) title on the first line, 2) author’s name on the next line, and 3) institution name on the third line
✓ The header for the first and all subsequent pages: the shortened title alone and the page number
✓ First page: the title is centered, the body of the paper begins below that and is justified left
APA uses tiered headings to break up the sections in the body of the paper. The title of the paper listed on the first page does not count as a heading.

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The References are on their own page, double-spaced, alphabetized, and each entry uses a hanging indent.
APA Style Guide: About APA

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About this Guide...
 Always refer to the APA Manual for authorized examples of citations.

Some of the citations in this guide are taken from the APA Manual; others are recommendations from IRSC Librarians.

APA Manual

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association by American Psychological Association Staff
ISBN: 9781433849592

Publication Date: 2009-07-15

A copy of this manual is available in all IRSC campus libraries.

APA References


The business, education, health science, public service, and social science departments at IRSC recommend APA format for papers written in these fields.

Two types of citations are included in most research papers: citations within the text of the document and a list of reference citations at the end of the paper.

In-Text Citations:

The APA Manual uses the author-date citation system for in-text citations.

Reference Citations:

The sources you use in your work are included as a separate list at the end of the paper. The APA Manual suggests using the title, References, for the list.

Publications

Publications take on many forms, but the basic components of an original research article include:

- Title and title page
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Method
- Results
- Discussion

APA guidelines do not require headings for most sections. This guide is provided by the IRSC Libraries.

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Typography

APA recommends using 12-point Times New Roman font. If not using Times New Roman, then another serif typeface should be used for its readability. Only use different typeface in figure descriptions to add style to the paper (section 8.03).

Line Spacing & Margins

Use double-spacing throughout the entire paper. To add double-spacing in Microsoft Word, highlight all the text you want double-spaced, then click on Page Layout. Next to the word Paragraph click on the arrow. Under Spacing, Line Spacing, select Double and then click OK.

Put two spaces after the period for each sentence in the body of the paper. (Note, use only one space after a period in your references at the end of the paper). Microsoft Word does not have a setting to automatically...
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