APA Guidelines

Typically, APA format requires:

- A title page
- An abstract
- Headings
- Page numbers and a running header
- One-inch page margins
- Double-spacing
- A separate reference page (References)

Ask your instructor about his/her specific requirements

Also Available in the Belmont College Library

Concise Rules of APA Style, 6th ed.
BF 76.7.C66 2010

Online Resources/Examples

Bedford/St. Martin's
http://pages.mail.bfwpub.com/apamlaupdate

Northern Michigan University
http://library.nmu.edu/guides/usrguides/style_apa.htm

Purdue OWL
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/

College of DuPage Library
http://www.cod.edu/library/research/citenet.htm

Online Tools to Help

BibMe (will create citations for you in all formats)
http://www.bibme.org

Landmarks Citation Machine (will cite in MLA, APA, Turabian, Chicago)
http://www.citationmachine.net

Always double-check citations to make sure they are correct!
Examples of APA
(American Psychological Association)

In-Text Citations

Books
(Author's Last Name, Publication Year)
Ex. (Fleming, 1972)

Articles
(Author's Last Name, Publication Year)
Ex. (Smith, 2004)

Articles with Unknown Authors
"Beginning of Article Title," (Publication Year)

Websites
(Author's Last Name, Publication Year)
Ex. (Jokinen, 2007)

Websites with Unknown Authors
"Beginning of Article Title," (Publication Year)

• If no year is provided, write n.d.

Include page numbers in the in-text citation for summaries/paraphrases of long sources and quotations.

(1) Author's Last Name, Publication Year, p. Page Number
Ex. (Egeland, 2008, p. 15)

• In-text citations for electronic sources follow the same format as print sources

   (when possible). For example, an online book would be cited the same manner as a book in print.

Reference List Examples

Books
Basic Format
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of book. City of Publication, State Abbreviation: Name of Publisher.

Electronic Book
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). The book's title. [format information]. doi:

Encyclopedias and Other Multi-Volume Works

• For book titles—capitalize only the first word of the title, the first word of the subtitle (if applicable), and proper nouns within the title.

Articles
Basic Format for Journals
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Title of article: Subtitle of article. Title of Journal, Volume Number(Issue Number), page range.

Note: Only include the issue number if each issue of the periodical begins with page 1.

Basic Format for Online Journal Articles
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Article title. Journal Title, Volume Number(Issue Number), Page Range. doi:

Basic Format for Online Journal Articles from a Database
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Year). Article title. Journal Title, Volume Number(Issue Number), Page Range. doi:

Basic Format for Magazines
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day of Publication). Title of article. Title of Magazine, Volume Number(Issue Number), page range.

Basic Format for Online Magazine Articles
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Publication Date). Title of article. Title of Magazine, Volume Number(Issue Number), Page Range. Retrieved from URL for magazine's homepage.

Basic Format for Newspapers
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day of Publication). Title of article. Title of Newspaper, Section Letter and Page Numbers.

Note: Use p. if the source is less than a page long; use pp. if it's more than a page.

• Only include the issue number if each issue of the periodical begins with page 1.
• Do not use a retrieval date unless content is likely to change.
• If no doi (digital object identifier) is provided, use the URL instead by inserting Retrieved from URL.

Websites
Basic Format for a Document from a Website
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Online Publication Year, Month Day). Document title. Retrieved from URL

• If no date is listed, use (n.d.)
• If no author is listed, begin with the title