APA Formatting: References

This guide is based on the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.) and Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab. If your instructor has specific requirements for the format of your references page or how to cite sources, please check with your professor and follow their guidelines.

In accordance with APA style, the References page begins on a separate page after the body of the essay. The following areas of formatting for the References page are the same as the essay: 1-inch margins, header at the top of the page. Additional formatting information is as follows:

- The word References is centered on the first line of the page – do not use bold, italics, or quotation marks
- All entries are to be double-spaced
- Entries are listed in alphabetical order
- Entries have a hanging indentation, with the 2nd line (and subsequent lines) of each entry indented 1/2 inch (.5”).
- For a sample References page, refer to p. 49 (Figure 2.1) in the APA handbook.

Anatomy of a Reference Entry: (Book with one author; see below for additional information)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Last name</th>
<th>First initial</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Title is italicized in sentence case</th>
<th>Publication City and State</th>
<th>Publisher</th>
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**Book**


*Example:*

**Book with multiple authors**


*Example:*

**Work in an Anthology or Edited Collection**

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xx-xx). City, State: Publisher.

*Example:*

**Journal Article**

*Paginated by volume only, with DOI, retrieved online (note: not all articles will have a DOI):*


*Example:*

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Paginated by volume and issue, no DOI, retrieved online:

Example:

Magazine article, print
Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Magazine in Title Case, volume (issue), xx-xx.

Example:

Newspaper Article, print
Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper in Title Case, pp. xx, xx.

Example:

General Web Document
According to Hume-Pratuch (personal communication, February 28, 2011), Editorial Supervisor of APA Journals, one should note the following regarding web sources: “There is no one form of citation for a web page, because there are many kinds of documents that can be retrieved online. The proper form of citation depends on the type of document.” The guidelines below are for general websites. For more specific information about citing web documents, consult the APA guide to citing web sources, which can also be found in the CASA Writing Center.

Website: Author known, date known

Example:

*Note: Hume-Pratuch (personal communication, February 28, 2011) adds, “The title of an online work is not italicized unless the web page consists of an entire work (e.g., a book, or a technical or research report) that is subdivided into chapters.”

Website: Author unknown, date known
Title of document. (year, Month day). Retrieved from http://Webaddress.com

Example:

*Note: For web sources, if there isn’t a date available for the document use (n.d.) for no date.

YouTube Video

Example:

*Note: The person who posted the video is credited as the author. If the person’s real name and user name are both available, provide the real name in the format Author, A. A., followed by the user name inside brackets. If real name is not available, include only user name without brackets.

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