

APA In-Text Citations & References 7th Edition

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences. It consists of two parts: a list of references and in-text citations within the text of your essay. APA requires researchers, at a minimum, to locate all four “core elements” provided for a source. You may have more elements than these four, but all citations require you to find at least these four.

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| 1. Author | The <i>author</i> refers broadly to the person(s) or group(s) responsible for a work. An author may be an individual, multiple people, a group (institution, government agency, organization, etc.), or a combination of people and groups. When you cannot determine who the author is, treat the work as having no author. |
| 2. Publication Date | The <i>date</i> refers to the date of publication of the work. The date will take one of the following forms: year only; year, month, and day (i.e., an exact date); year and month; year and season; or range of dates (e.g., range of years, range of exact dates). When you cannot determine the date of publication, treat the work as having no date. |
| 3. Title | The <i>title</i> refers to the title of the work being cited. Titles fall into two broad categories: (1) works that stand alone (e.g., whole books, reports, gray literature, dissertations and theses, informally published works, data sets, videos, films, TV series, albums, podcasts, social media, and works on websites) and (2) works that are part of a greater whole (e.g., periodical articles, edited book chapters, TV and podcast episodes, and songs). When the title of the work cannot be determined, treat the work as having no title. |
| 4. Source | The <i>source</i> indicates where readers can retrieve the cited work. As with titles, sources fall into two broad categories: works that are part of a greater whole and works that stand alone. The source for a work that is part of a greater whole (e.g., journal article, edited book chapter) is that greater whole (i.e., the journal or edited book), plus any applicable DOI or URL. The source for a work that stands alone (e.g., whole book, report, dissertation, thesis, film, TV series, podcast, data set, informally published work, social media, webpage) is the publisher of the work, database or archive, social media site, or website, plus any applicable DOI or URL. If the work is not recoverable, treat the work as having no source. |

Title Page

APA requires you to create a cover page when you complete your research paper. Some instructors may not require it. Make sure to check with your instructor and reference your assignment guidelines.

Title Page Requirements:

- Your essay should be typed and double-spaced with 1" margins on all sides.
- Include a **page header** that includes only the page number flush with the right-hand margin. Your instructor may require your title in the page header as well. Although this has been dropped from the 7th edition of APA, make sure you check with your professor and your assignment guidelines.
- The title page should contain the **title** of the paper (bolded), the **author's name**, and the **institutional affiliation**. A student paper should also include the **course number and name, instructor name, and assignment due date**.

Sample Title Page

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The Purdue Online Writing Lab's Sample Title Page:
Following the American Psychological Association's Guidelines

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Department of English, Purdue University
ENGL 999: Course Name
Dr. Professor's Name
November 11, 2019

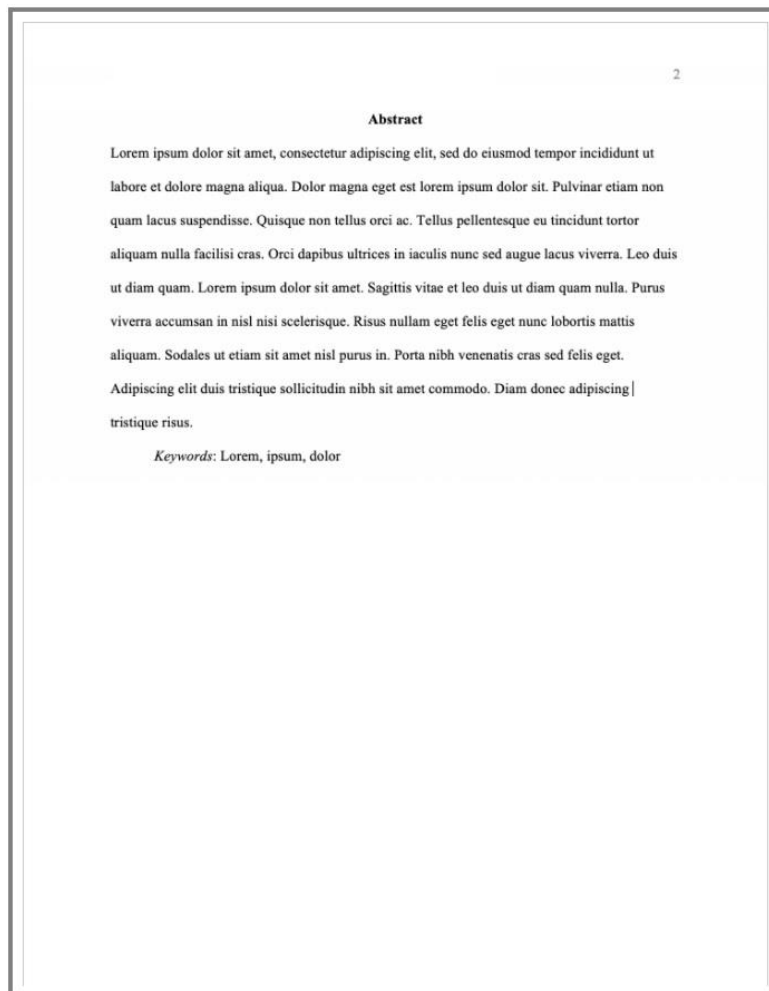
Abstract

APA also requires you to create an abstract page when you complete your research paper. Some instructors may not require it. Make sure to check with your instructor and reference your assignment guidelines.

Abstract Page Requirements:

- Your abstract page, which is the second page of your essay, should already include the **page header** (described above). On the first line of the abstract page, center and bold the word **Abstract** (no italics, underlining, or quotation marks).
- Beginning with the next line, write a concise summary of the key points of your research. (Do not indent.) Your abstract should contain at least your research topic, research questions, participants (if any), methods, results, data analysis, and conclusions.
- You may also want to list keywords from your paper in your abstract. To do this, indent as you would if you were starting a new paragraph, type *Keywords:* (italicized), and then list your keywords.

Sample Abstract Page



References Page

In APA, a References page is a list of all the sources you have used to research your paper. The list of sources used appears on a separate page at the end of an essay. It is titled (centered, bolded, no quotation marks, no underline):

When formatting a References page, you must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The list of sources should be arranged alphabetically by the author's last name, or if there is no author, by the first word in the title. When arranging the list ignore, but do not omit, "The," "An," or "A" at the beginning of the title.
2. After the first line, each entry is indented ½ inch. This is called a hanging indent.
3. Each entry presents information in a specific order: the author's name, the date, the title, the publication information.
4. All authors' names should be inverted (i.e., last names should be provided first).
5. Double-space the entire list, both between and within entries.
6. Citations must appear both in the text of your paper (in-text citations) and in the References page at the end of your paper.

Sample References Page

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References
Amrein-Beardsley, A., & Holloway, J. (2017). Value-added models for teacher evaluation and accountability: Commonsense assumptions. <i>Educational Policy</i> , 33(3), 516–542. https://doi.org/10.1177/0895904817719519
Ballou, D., & Springer, M. G. (2015). Using student test scores to measure teacher performance. <i>Educational Researcher</i> , 44(2), 77–86. https://doi.org/10.3102/0013189x15574904
Ballou, D., Sanders, W., & Wright, P. (2004). Controlling for student background in value-added assessment of teachers. <i>Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics</i> , 29(1), 37–65. https://doi.org/10.3102/10769986029001037
Robbins, S., & Judge, T. (2019). <i>Organizational behavior</i> . Pearson Education Limited.
Whitehead, M. (n.d.). <i>Teachers look at supervision - ASCD</i> . http://www.ascd.org/ASCD/pdf/journals/ed_lead/el_195211_whitehead.pdf

Documentation Formats

Books

Book (One Author)	<p>References: Author Last Name, Author First Name Initial. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle</i>. Publisher Name. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Stoneman, R. (2008). <i>Alexander the Great: A life in legend</i>. Yale University Press.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Stoneman, 2008)</p>
Book (Two Authors)	<p>References: 1st Author Last Name, 1st Author First Name Initial., & 2nd Author Last Name, 2nd Author First Name Initial. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle</i>. Publisher Name. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Gillespie, P., & Learner, N. (2000) <i>The Allyn and Bacon guide to peer tutoring</i>. Allyn and Bacon.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Author Last Name & 2nd Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Gillespie & Lerner, 2000)</p>
Book (Three or More Authors)	<p>References: 1st Author Last Name, 1st Author First Name Initial., 2nd Author Last Name, 2nd Author First Name Initial, & 3rd Author Last Name, 3rd Author First Name Initial. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle</i>. Publisher Name. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Boers, F., Warren, P., He, L., & Deconinck, J. (2017). <i>Enhance vocabulary uptake from reading</i>. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Author Last Name et al., Year)</p> <p>Example: (Boers et al., 2017)</p>

<p>Chapters and Works in Anthologies with an Author</p>	<p>References: Author Last Name, Author First Name Initial. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In 1st Editor First Name Initial. 1st Editor Last Name & 2nd Editor First Name Initial. 2nd Editor Last Name (Eds.), <i>Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle</i> (pp. pages of chapter). Publisher. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Armstrong, D. (2019). Malory and character. In M. G. Leitch & C. J. Rushton (Eds.), <i>A new companion to Malory</i> (pp. 144-163). D. S. Brewer.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Armstrong, 2019)</p>
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Journal Articles

<p>Journal Article (One Author)</p>	<p>References: Author Last Name, Author First Name Initial. (Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, volume number</i>(issue number), pages. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. <i>The New Criterion</i>, 15(3), 5–13.</p> <p>In Text Citation: (Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Scruton, 1996)</p>
<p>Journal Article (Two Authors)</p>	<p>References: 1st Author Last Name, 1st Author First Name Initial., & 2nd Author Last Name, 2nd Author First Name Initial. (Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, volume number</i>(issue number), pages. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Conatser, P., & Block, M. (2001) Aquatic Instructors' Beliefs Toward Inclusion. <i>Therapeutic Recreation Journal</i>, 35(2), 170-184.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Author Last Name & 2nd Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Conatser & Block, 2001)</p>

<p>Journal Article (Three or More Authors)</p>	<p>References: 1st Author Last Name, 1st Author First Name Initial., 2nd Author Last Name, 2nd Author First Name Initial, & 3rd Author Last Name, 3rd Author First Name Initial. (Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, volume number</i>(issue number), pages. DOI (if available)</p> <p>Example: Adams, D., Rodriguez, E., & Champion, J. (2020). Hip-hop culture and the modern NBA. <i>Journal of Sports and Society, 12</i>(4), 98-114.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Author Last Name et al., Year)</p> <p>Example: (Adams et al., 2020)</p>
<p>Journal Article from Library Database with DOI</p>	<p>References: 1st Author Last Name, 1st Author First Name Initial., & 2nd Author Last Name, 2nd Author First Name Initial. (Year). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, volume number</i>(issue number), pages. https://doi.org/xx.xxx/yyyy</p> <p>Example: Baniya, S., & Weech, S. (2019). Data and experience design: Negotiating community-oriented digital research with service-learning. <i>Purdue Journal of Service-Learning and International Engagement, 6</i>(1), 11-16. https://doi.org/10.5703/1288284316979</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Author Last Name & 2nd Author Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Baniya & Weech, 2019)</p>

Online Articles

<p>Article (Found on Web Page with Known Author)</p>	<p>References: Author Last Name, Author First Name Initial. (Year, Month Date). <i>Title of page</i>. Site name. URL</p> <p>Example: Price, D. (2018, March 23). <i>Laziness does not exist</i>. Medium. https://humanparts.medium.com/laziness-does-not-exist-3af27e312d01</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Author Last Name, Year)</p>
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	<p>Example: (Price, 2018)</p>
Article (Found on Web Page with Unknown Author)	<p>References: <i>Title of page.</i> (Year, Month Date). Site name. Retrieved Month Date, Year, from URL</p> <p>Example: <i>Tuscan white bean pasta.</i> (2018, February 25). Budgetbytes. Retrieved March 18, 2020, from https://www.budgetbytes.com/tuscan-white-bean-pasta/</p> <p>In-Text Citation: ("Title of page or document," Year)</p> <p>Example: ("Tuscan white bean pasta," 2018)</p>
Blog Post	<p>References: Author Last Name, Author First Name Initial. (Year, Month Date). Title of post. <i>Publisher.</i> URL</p> <p>Example: Axelrod, A. (2019, August 11). A century later: The Treaty of Versailles and its rejection of racial equality. <i>Code Switch, NPR.</i> https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2019/08/11/742293305/a-century-later-the-treaty-of-versailles-and-its-rejection-of-racial-equality</p> <p>In-Text Citation (Author's Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Axelrod, 2019)</p>

* Note: The APA 7th edition no longer requires the use of "Retrieved from" before URLs or DOIs; special exceptions, however, are made for resources that are unarchived. Including the retrieval date for these sources indicates to readers that the version of the work they retrieve *may* be different than what was originally used.

Film, Video, and Music

Film	<p>References: Director Last Name, Director First Name Initial. (Director). (Date of publication). <i>Title of motion picture</i> [Film]. Production company.</p> <p>Example: Lloyd, P. (Director). (2008). <i>Mamma mia!</i> [Film]. Universal Pictures.</p>
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	<p>In-Text Citation: (Director Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Loyd, 2008)</p>
TV Series Episode	<p>References: Writer Last Name, Writer First Name Initial. (Writer), & Director Last Name, Director First Name Initial. (Director). (Original air date). Title of episode (Season number, Episode number) [TV series episode]. In Executive Producer First Name Initial, Executive Producer Last Name (Executive Producer), <i>Series title</i>. Production company(s).</p> <p>Example: Korsh, A. (Writer & Director). (2019, September 25). One last con (Season 9, Episode 10) [TV series episode]. In D. Liman (Executive Producer), <i>Suits</i>. Untitled Korsh Company; Universal Content Productions; Open 4 Business Productions.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Writer & Director Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Korsh, 2019)</p>
YouTube Videos	<p>References: Person or group who uploaded video. (Date of publication). <i>Title of video</i> [Video]. Website host. URL</p> <p>Example: Tasty. (2018, March 7). <i>7 recipes you can make in 5 minutes</i> [Video]. Youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_5wHw6111o</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Person or Group Name or Last Name, Year)</p> <p>Example: (Tasty, 2018)</p>
Music Albums	<p>References: Recording artist. (Year of release). <i>Title of album</i> [Album]. Record label.</p> <p>Example: The National. (2019). <i>I am easy to find</i> [Album]. 4AD.</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (Recording Artist Last Name, Year)</p>

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Personal Communication and Podcasts

<p>Personal Communication and Informal Interviews</p>	<p>Any communication that cannot be directly retrieved by a reader is considered “personal communication.” Emails, phone conversations, informal interviews, text messages, and social media messages are all examples of personal communication. You do not include personal communication in your reference list; instead, parenthetically cite the communicator’s name, the phrase "personal communication," and the date of the communication in your main text only.</p> <p>In-Text Citation (First Name Initial. Last Name, personal communication, Month Day, Year).</p> <p>Example: (E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2019).</p>
<p>Podcast (Entire Series)</p>	<p>References Executive Producer Last Name, Executive Producer First Name Initial. (Executive Producer). (Range of publication). <i>Title of podcast</i> [Audio podcast]. Production company. URL</p> <p>Note: in place of the executive producer, you can also list the host of the podcast.</p> <p>Example: Bae, P. (Executive Producer). (2017-present). <i>The big loop</i> [Audio podcast]. QRX. https://www.thebiglooppodcast.com/</p> <p>In-Text Citation (Last Name, Range of Publication)</p> <p>Example: (Bae, 2017-present)</p>
<p>Podcast (Single Episode)</p>	<p>References: Host Last Name, Host First Name Initial. (Host). (Year, Month Day). Episode title (No. Episode number) [Audio podcast episode]. In <i>Podcast name</i>. Production Company. URL</p> <p>Example: Vogt, P. J., & Goldman, A. (Hosts). (2016, May 12). On the inside (No. 64) [Audio podcast episode]. In <i>Reply all</i>. Gimlet. https://gimletmedia.com/shows/reply-all/brho4v/64-on-the-inside</p> <p>In-Text Citation: (1st Host Last Name & 2nd Host Last Name, Year, Time Stamp)</p> <p>Example: (Vogt & Goldman, 2016, 11:30)</p>