APA Citation Workshop
Writing Center
Minot State University
Purpose

- Citing resources in APA format
- Printed Material
- Electronic and Internet sources
- Printed Books
- Printed Articles in Periodicals
- Electronic and Internet sources
American Psychological Association (APA)

Used by Social Science students

Two basic features of APA style

- In the text of your paper
  - Include the author, year, and page citation for each source

- At the end of your paper
  - Include a list of all sources used in your paper
  - Alphabetized by author’s last name
  - Alphabetized by title if author is unknown
  - Create list on a new page titled “References.”
• Basic Format for a Quotation

Ex: Critser (2003) noted that despite growing numbers of overweight Americans, many health care providers still “remain either in ignorance or outright denial about the health danger to the poor and the young” (p. 5).

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• Author named in Introductory Phrase
  Ex: According to Carmona (2004), the cost of treating obesity is exceeded only by the cost of treating illnesses from tobacco use (para. 9).

• Author named in Parentheses
  Ex: The cost of treating obesity is exceeded only by the cost of treating illnesses from tobacco use (Carmona, 2004, para. 9).

Use paragraph numbers when a source does not have page numbers.
• Sources with Two Authors

Ex: According to Sothern and Gordon (2003), “Environmental factors may contribute as much as 80% to the causes of childhood obesity” (p. 104).

Ex: Obese children often engage in less physical activity (Sothern & Gordon, 2003, p. 104).

For 6 or more authors, list only the first author’s name and use et al. afterward:

Ex: As Solheim et al. (2002) demonstrated, advertising holds the potential for manipulating “free willed” consumers.
• Author Unknown

Ex: Children struggling to control their weight must also struggle with the pressures of television advertising that, on the one hand, encourages the consumption of junk food and, on the other, celebrates thin celebrities (“Television,” 2002).

To cite a specific part of a source, use abbreviations such as “ch” or “p” in the parenthetical cite:

Ex: Mogolov (2003, ch 9) argued that his research yielded the opposite results.
Electronic and Internet Sources

- **Author Known**
  
  Ex: Atkinson (2001) found that children who spent at least four hours a day watching TV were less likely to engage in adequate physical activity during the week.

- **Author Unknown**
  
  Ex: The body’s basal metabolic rate, or BMR, is a measure of its at rest energy requirement (“Exercise,” 2003).

- **Date Unknown**
  
  Ex: Attempts to establish a definitive link between television programming and children’s eating habits have been problematic (Magnus, n.d.).
• Single Author
  Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Book title*. Location: Publisher.

• Two Authors
References

Printed Books

- Three to Six Authors
  

  Note: If a book has more than six authors, after giving the sixth author's name and initial, use et al. (not italicized and with a period after "al") to indicate the remaining authors of the book.
• General Format
  Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of periodical, volume number, pages.*

• Journal Articles (paginated by volume)

  Paginated by issue:

• Magazine Articles

• Newspaper Articles
• Article from a Database

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical, volume number (issue number), pages.* Retrieved *month date, year, from Database name.*

Electronic and Internet Sources

- **Online Document**
  Author, A. A. (Date of publication). *Title of article*. Retrieved month date, year, from http://web address

- **Electronic Newspaper Article**
References

Electronic and Internet Sources

• Document with Author and Date

• Document with No Author, No Date
  • Begin with the title of the document if there is no author
  • n.d. = no date
References

Miscellaneous Notes

- E mail & other personal communication:
  - Cite any personal communication in the text ONLY, like so:

  EX:  R. Tobin (personal communication, November 4, 2003) supported his claim about music therapy with new data.

Do Not list personal communication in your References page

Two or more works by the same author:

List these in chronological order, oldest first. Include the author’s name in each entry
Summary

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• Questions or Comments
• Recommended APA Sources
  • APA Style Essentials
    (http://www.vanguard.edu/faculty/ddegelman/index.aspx?doc_id=796)
  • How to Document Sources in APA Style
    (http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/legacylib/apahcc.html)
  • APA Style: The Social Sciences
    (http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c09_o.html)
  • Writing Source: APA Style
    (http://www.thewritesource.com/APA/APA.HTM)