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APA Citation Workshop

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Agenda

APA Citation Workshop

Purpose

- Citing resources in APA format

In-text

- Printed Material
- Electronic and Internet sources

References

- Printed Books
- Printed Articles in Periodicals
- Electronic and Internet sources

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APA Workshop

Citing resources in APA format

- 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."

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In-Text Citation

Printed Material

- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.).

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Printed Books

- Single Author

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Book title*. Location: Publisher.

Reagan, M. D. (1992). *Curing the crisis: Options for America's health care*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

- Two Authors

Cohen, L. G., & Spenciner, L. J. (1994). *Assessment of young children*. White Plains, NY: Longman.

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Printed Books

- Three to Six Authors

Pratkanis, A. R., Brecker, S. J., & Greenwald, A. G. (1989). *Attitude structure and function*. Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

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.

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Printed Articles in Periodicals

- General Format

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of periodical*, volume number, pages.

- Journal Articles (paginated by volume)

Saywitz, K. J., Mannarino, A. P., Berliner, L., & Cohen, J. A. (2000). Treatment for sexually abused children and adolescents. *American Psychologist*, 55, 1040-1049.

Paginated by issue:

- Hall, R.E. (2000). Marriage as a vehicle of racism among women of color. *Psychology: A journal of human behavior* 37 (2), 29-40.

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Printed Articles in Periodicals

- Magazine Articles

Henry, W. A., III. (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. *Time*, 135, 28-31.

- Newspaper Articles

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

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Electronic and Internet Sources

- 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.*

White, B. (2002, July 30). Stocks make more big gains. *The Washington Post*, p. A1. Retrieved August 1, 2002, from NewsBank database.

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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

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times.*

Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>

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Electronic and Internet Sources

- Document with Author and Date

Murray, J. P. *Children and television violence*. (1995). Retrieved July 19, 2001, from <http://www.ksu.edu/humec/kulaw.htm>

- Document with No Author, No Date

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1997-10/

- Begin with the title of the document if there is no author
- n.d. = no date

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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

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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>)

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