 **A Guide to APA Style**

APA (American Psychological Association) style is mostly used for social science classes and in some history and humanities classes. This should help you with some general examples of in-text citation and reference page citation.

**In-text Citations**

* A work by one author: Last name of the author, a comma, and year of publication.

Example: (Smith, 2000).

* A work by two authors: Both last names in the order as they appear in the work with “&” between the names.

Example: (Smith & Anderson, 2000).

* A work with an unknown author: The first few words of the title, in quotations, and the year of publication.

Example: (“New Drug,” 2002).

* A short quote: The author’s last name, the year of publication, and the page number for reference (preceded by “p”).

Example: According to Jones and Smith (1998), “Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time” (p. 199).

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**Works Cited**

Basic Rules:

* + - All lines after the first line should have a **hanging indent:** indented ½ inch
    - Reference list entries should be alphabetized by the last name of the author
    - For multiple entries by the same author, list them chronologically starting with the earliest to the most recent
    - *Italicize* titles of longer works such as journals or books
    - **Do not** *italicize*, underline, or “put quotes around” shorter works such as the title of a journal article or the title of an essay in an edited collection
* Book: Last name first, initial(s) of the author. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Location of publisher: name of publisher.

Example: Highmore, B. (2001). *Everyday Life and Cultural Theory*. New York: Routledge.

* Website: Last name first, initial(s) of author. (Date of publication). Title of page [Format

description when necessary]. Retrieved from https://www.someaddress.com/full/url/

Example: Eco, U. (2015). How to write a thesis [PDF file]. (Farina C.M. & Farina F., Trans.)

Retrieved from https://www.researchgate.net/...How\_to\_write\_a\_thesis/.../

Umberto+Eco-How+to+Write+... (Original work published 1977).

**Note:** You only need to include a date of access when a page’s content is likely to change over time

* Article in a Journal Paginated by Issue: Last name, initial(s). (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, *volume number*(issue number), pages.

Example: Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion, 15*(3), 5-13.