

# A Guide to APA Style

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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+...](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.