

In-Text Citations

When citing references in text, you are required to mention the author's last name and the year of publication. If you identify the author in the text, put the date next to the name; if not, put both the name and publication year in parenthesis.

Citing One Author:

Arnold (1999) suggested that... (OR)
...in several studies (e.g. Arnold, 1999)

One Work by Multiple Authors:

When a work has two authors, cite both names every time the reference occurs in the text:

Bates and McCreedy (2004) found...

If a work has three-five authors, use all the names the first time the reference occurs:

Worton, Zap, Rosen, Gerhan, and Rock (2002) discovered... (OR)

A recent study (Worton, Zap, Rosen, Gerhan, & Rock, 2002) found...

The subsequent times the reference appears, use only the first author's name followed by *et al*:

Worton, et al. (2002) also found that...

Citing a Direct Quote

Citations for direct quotes should include page numbers. A quote that is less than 40 words should be set off from the text using double quotation marks. Author, date, and page (or paragraph) should be included in the sentence or citation.

Citing a Direct Quote (cont.)

Dobbs (2001) stated that "to live is to suffer" (p. 924).

Longer quotes (more than 40 words) should be displayed in a block without using question marks, indented half an inch from the left margin. Continue to double-space.

Dobbs (2001) found that:

The time that had elapsed left me old. It also left me feeling cold, colder than ever before. I wondered if I had breathed my last, if I had finally done it — crossed that line of no return. (p. 924)

Citing a Secondary Source:

Cite the secondary source in the reference list; in text, identify the primary source and give a citation for the secondary source.

Terrel and Smith (as cited in Jones, (2002) reported a correlation.

Referring to a Website:

When referring to a website in text, clearly state the name of the website before quoting the information.

According to the Noel Studio (2010), "Students who use the Noel Studio will be able to improve their communication skills."

Remember to identify this source as a website on the reference list.

The information and citations in this brochure are from the Sixth Edition of the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010).

Get to Know APA

Why Cite?

When writing a research paper, you will refer to other authors' ideas and words in additional texts by paraphrasing or quoting them, If you choose to refer to others' work, citing the sources is required, both in the paper and in the reference list. Citing is necessary for several reasons:

- It allows your readers to check the information.
- It allows your readers who are interested in the subject to know where to find more information.
- It shows your readers that you are credible and knowledgeable in the literature that has been published in the field.



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When to use APA

In general, APA style is the preferred style for psychology, education, nursing, and various business courses. But make sure to check with each instructor, as some may prefer that you use another style, such as MLA or CMS.

Plagiarism

According to ECU's Academic Integrity Policy:

Plagiarism occurs when a student represents work taken from another source as his/her own. It is imperative that a student gives credit to information, words, ideas, and images that are integrated into his/her own work. Acknowledgement of a source of information in any form should consist of complete, accurate, and specific references and, if verbatim statements are included, quotation marks as well (Academic Dishonesty Defined, para. 4).

Reference List

Formatting the Reference Page

- The **Running Head** should continue on as on all other manuscript pages.
- The title **References** should appear, bold and centered, as the first line of text.
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- Sources are listed in **alphabetical order** by author's last name or, if no author, the first item in the entry.
- **Double-spacing** is used throughout.

Citing Sources in the Reference List

Citing Print Publications

Book by One Author:

Jones, T.S. (1940). *My life on the road*. New York: Doubleday.

Book by Two Authors:

Williams, A. J., & Wilson, J.P. (1962). *New ways with chicken*. New York: Harcourt.

Two or More Books by the Same Author:

(Organize by year, with the earliest date listed first.)
Oates, J.C. (1990). *Because it is bitter, and because it is my heart*. New York: Dutton.

Oates, J.C. (1993). *Foxfire: Confessions of a girl gang*. New York: Dutton.

An Article or Chapter in an Edited Book:

O'Connor, M.F. (1975). Everything that rises must converge. In J.R. Knott, Jr. & C.R. Raeske (Eds.), *Mirrors: An introduction to literature* (2nd ed., pp. 58-67). San Francisco: Canfield.

Article from an Academic or Professional Journal:

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36.

Citing Legal Documents

APA adheres to the latest edition of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (Bluebook; 18th ed., 2005) for citations of legal sources. For explanations of abbreviations and further citation examples, refer to either the *Bluebook*, or the APA Manual, Appendix 7.1 (pp. 216-224).

Citing Online Sources

Journal Article with DOI (Digital Object Identifier):

Herbst-Damm, K.L., & Kulik, J.A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology*, 24, 22-229. doi: 10.1037/02786133.24.2.225

Journal Article without DOI:

Silick, T.J., & Schutte, N.S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap>

Online Reference Work, no Author or Editor:

Heuristic. (n.d.) In *Merriam Webster's online dictionary* (11th ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/heuristic>