



APA Style Overview

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APA Quick Facts

- APA formatting is the style guide for the American Psychological Association.
- In addition to psychology, APA is used by many other fields, such as education and sociology.
- Dates are very important in APA, so choose sources published as recently as possible, especially within the last 10 years.
- Peer reviewed journals, which are found through the library, will often be cited for you. However, be sure the citation is correct, and don't forget the parenthetical reference.



Important Components

- Cover Page: The first page of the document that includes the running head and page number in the header and the full title, writer's name, and university (unless the professor directs students otherwise) centered on the page
- Running Head: A shortened version of the title found in the header of the document
- Abstract: A brief overview of the work
 - Many professors do not require the abstract for class assignments, but ask to be sure.
- Parenthetical References: Brief in-text citations used with paraphrases and quotations to indicate where outside research originated
 - Each brief citation is a pointer to the correlating entry on the reference page.
- Reference Page: The last page(s) of the document (unless an appendix is needed) where full citations are listed alphabetically



Formatting an APA Paper

- APA Word Format

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