

APA Style References

FORMATTING A REFERENCE PAGE

Your references page(s) (which should be clearly titled “References”) is the last page(s) in your paper. It lists the full bibliographic information for all the works you quote, paraphrase, or cite in the body of your essay or report. Entries should be arranged alphabetically by first word – usually, this is the author’s last name. The references page should be double-spaced (unlike on this handout), and entries that take up more than one line should have a hanging indent (as modeled on this handout).

A few particularities to notice in APA style: APA always refers to authors by their last name, and lists only their last name and first initials in the bibliography. APA uses the abbreviation “p.” (for a single page) or “pp.” (for multiple pages) before all page numbers. APA does not capitalize all the words in titles; only the first word of the title (and subtitle, if applicable) and proper nouns are capitalized.

Formatting URLs: APA citation style will often ask you to list the URL for online sources, which can cause formatting issues. Microsoft Word may automatically format the URL as a hyperlink; unless a hyperlink will be useful to your reader (for instance, if you are publishing a reference page online), you can remove the hyperlink by right clicking on it and selecting “remove hyperlink.” You may also break up URLs over multiple lines by placing a space (no hyphen) after a convenient mark of punctuation. Bibliographic entries that do not end in a URL should end in a period, those that do end in a URL should be left as-is.

DOIs: DOI stands for “digital object identifier.” Because URLs are often impermanent and unstable, most academic publishers now assign DOIs to each article they publish. For articles that have DOIs assigned, APA Style lists the DOI in lieu of a URL or database information.

COMMON BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRIES

Below are the APA formatting standards for some of the most common bibliographic citations. For more on APA citation style, see the 6th edition of the APA Publication Manual or the UMC Library website.

Books

Last name, first initial(s). (date). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.

Schumacher, J. (2014). *Dear committee members*. London: The Friday Project.

Multiple authors:

Ryan, L. & Zimmerelli, L. (2010). *The Bedford guide for writing tutors*. Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martin’s.

Corporate author:

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Article in an edited book

Last name, first initial. (date). Title of article. In [editor last name, first initial]. (Ed), *Title of book* (page numbers). Location: Publisher

Crowley, K. (2009). Pedagogical intersections of gender, race, and identity: Signs of a feminist teacher. In R. A. R. Gurung and L. R. Prieto (Eds), *Getting culture: Incorporating diversity across the curriculum* (pp. 137-148). Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.

Journal articles

With a doi:

Last name, first initial. (date). Title of article. *Name of Journal, volume* (issue), page range. doi: [doi].

Hoad, N. (2004, Fall). What the Miss World Pageant can teach about globalization. *Cultural Critique* 58, pp. 56-8. doi: 10.1353/cul.2004.0024.

Without a doi:

Last name, first initial. (date). Title of article. *Name of journal, volume* (issue), page range. Retrieved from [journal homepage url]

Bialuschewski, A. (2011). Anatomy of a slave insurrection: The shipwreck of the “Vauteur” on the west coast of Madagascar in 1725. *French Colonial History*, 12 (1) pp. 87-101. Retrieved from msupress.org/journals/fch/

Web pages and articles on websites

Last name, first initial (s). (date). Title of page/article. *Name of website*. Retrieved from [url]

Green, A. (2016, October 5). Is your AOL or Hotmail address hurting your job search?. *Inc*. Retrieved from <http://www.inc.com/alison-green/is-your-aol-or-hotmail-address-hurting-your-job-search.html>

If there is no author, use the page/article title in place of the author:

Bringing home a new kitten. (2012, April 10). *VetStreet*. Retrieved from <http://www.vetstreet.com/cats/bringing-a-new-kitten-home>

Articles from online newspapers/magazines

Last name, first initial(s). (date). Title of article. *Name of newspaper/magazine*. Retrieved from [url]

Coloff, P. (2016 March). The reckoning. *Texas Monthly*. Retrieved from <http://features.texasmonthly.com/editorial/the-reckoning/>

Wikis

Title of page/entry. (date – if available). Retrieved [date of retrieval] from [name of wiki]: [url]

List of animals with fraudulent diplomas. (n.d.) Retrieved October 5, 2016 from Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_animals_with_fraudulent_diplomas

Online reference sources

Title of entry. (date – if available). In *Name of online reference source*. Retrieved from [url]

Lexicographer. (2016). In *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved from <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/lexicographer?s=t>