WCCC Library: APA 6 Citation Format Guide

Note: This is an abbreviated style guide, based on the types of items you will most likely be citing for your research. A more detailed explanation of source documentation can be found in the APA Manual, 6th edition, available in the Reserve collection behind the Circulation Desk in the library.

The WCCC Library also has a space on its website dedicated to APA information: http://warren.libguides.com/APA2

Remember:

- The References list must start on a new page at the end of your paper and should be double spaced. Center the title “References” at the top of the paper without the quotation marks and with no underlining or bolded text.

- Alphabetize all types of sources in one list by the first word of the citation (other than the, a, or an).

- For long works such as books or journals, titles must be italicized. The titles of shorter works such as journal articles or essays should not be italicized, underlined, or put in quotes.

- Include only those sources that you cited in the text of your paper.

- Capitalize all major words in journal titles. For all other titles (books, journal articles, and web pages), capitalize only the first letter of the first word in the title and subtitle, the first word after any punctuation, and proper names.

- When preparing your Reference page, you must double space all entries and use the hanging indent.

- For in-text citations, place the parenthetical citation at the end of the sentence(s) where the source is used. Place the sentence’s end punctuation after the final parenthesis.

Note:

For resources with three to six authors:
- On the References page list the first author’s name, followed by a comma and the the subsequent authors’ names (as above). Before the last author’s name, use &.

The first time you use a resource with more than three authors in the text of your paper, you need to include all of the authors’ last names. If that same resource is used again in your paper, you just use the first last name and include “et al.”

If there are more than six authors:
- On the References page use ellipses ( . . . ) after the sixth author’s name. After the ellipses, list the last author’s name.

For in-text citations, include the first author’s last name followed by “et al.”
Note: If you are using the physical book and not an online version of the book, please see pages 7-9 of this guide for how to cite your textbook.

**Computer-Based Access**

**Book by One Author**

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of publication). *Title of book*


In-Text Citation Format: (Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:

&eISBN=9781305675858

In-Text Citation Example:

(Kalat, 2017).

**Book by Two or More Authors**

References Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First and middle initial of first author, & Last name of second author,

    First name and middle initial of second author. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*


In-Text Citation Format:

(First Author’s Last Name & Second Author’s Last Name, Year of Publication).
References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Baumeister & Bushman, 2017)

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**Anthology or Edited Book**

References Entry Format:


In-Text Citation Format:

(Editor’s or Editors’ Last Name(s), Year of publication).

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Jennings, 2017).

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**Article or Chapter in an Anthology or Edited Book**

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year book was copyrighted). Title of article or chapter. In Editor’s Last Name, Editor’s First and middle initials (Ed.), *Title of
In-text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Carr, 2017).
Phone/Tablet App.-Based Access (Cengage Mobile)

Book by One Author

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of publication). *Title of book*

   (edition if any) [E-reader version].

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Kalat, 2017).

Book by Two or More Authors

References Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First and middle initial of first author, & Last name of second author,

   First name and middle initial of second author. (Year of Publication). *Title of book*

   (edition if any) [E-reader version].

In-Text Citation Format:

(First Author’s Last Name & Second Author’s Last Name, Year of Publication).

References Entry Example:


   [Cengage Mobile].

In-Text Citation Example:

(Baumeister & Bushman, 2017).
Anthology or Edited Book

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Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Ed.). (Year of publication). *Title of book*

(edition if any) [E-reader version].

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[Cengage Mobile].

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Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year book was copyrighted). Title of article or chapter. In Editor’s Last Name, Editor’s First and middle initials (Ed.), *Title of book* (edition if any) [E-reader version] (Page number(s) or chapter number).

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Carr, 2017).
PRINT SOURCES

Book by One Author

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of publication). Title of book

(edition if any). City of publication, 2-letter postal abbreviation of state of publication:

Publisher’s name.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:


Lippincott.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Dudek, 2013).

Book by Two or More Authors

References Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First and middle initial of first author, & Last name of second author,

First name and middle initial of second author. (Year of publication). Title of book

(edition if any). City of publication, 2-letter postal abbreviation of state of publication:

Publisher’s name.

In-Text Citation Format:

(First Author’s Last Name & Second Author’s Last Name, Year of publication).

References Entry Example:

Schorr, T. M., & Kennedy, M. S. (1999). 100 years of American nursing: Celebrating a century

In-Text Citation Example:
(Schorr & Kennedy, 1999).

**Anthology or Edited Book**

References Entry Format:

Last name of editor, First and middle initial of editor. (Ed.). (Year of publication). *Title of book* (edition if any). City of publication, 2-letter postal abbreviation of state of publication: Publisher’s name.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Leninger, 1991)

**Article or Chapter in an Anthology or Edited Book**

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year book was copyrighted). Title of article or chapter. In Editor’s First and middle initial and Last name (Ed.), *Title of book* (edition if any) (Page number(s) of article or chapter). City of publication, 2-letter postal abbreviation of state of publication: Publisher’s name.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example:

(Koudsi, 2001)

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**Magazine Article**

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year, Month Day of magazine issue).

Title of article. *Title of Magazine, Volume number* (Issue number if applicable), Page number(s) of article.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Leary, 2004)

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**Newspaper Article**

*Use the abbreviation pp. or p. before the page numbers of newspaper articles*

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year, Month Day of newspaper issue).

Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, Page number(s) of article.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s Last Name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:

F1, F6.

In-Text Citation Example:

(O’Connor, 2004)
ONLINE SOURCES

General information:

1. Unlike MLA, in APA you need to include all of the authors in the reference page citation. For in-text citations, the first time a resource is used, all of the authors must be included. If that resource is used again in the text of the paper, use only the first last name and follow it with “et al.”

2. Include Digital Object Identifier (DOI) if assigned to a periodical (journal, magazine, or newspaper) article. The DOI is found on the first page of the document or on the citation page. Use this format: doi:xxxxxxxxxxx

3. If no DOI is given, include the URL from the home page of the journal, magazine, or newspaper. Use this format [without the quotation marks]: “Retrieved from http://www.forbes.com”

4. If not all of the information needed for the citation is available (such as volume, issue number), skip to the next part of the entry.

Journal Article from the WCCC Databases with One Author

References Entry Format:
Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of publication). Title of article.

Title of the Journal, Volume number (Issue number), page number(s). doi:xxxxxxxxxx if available or http://www.xxxxxx

In-Text Citation Format:

(Last name of the author, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:

Cox, B. D. (1997). The rediscovery of the active learner in adaptive contexts: A developmental-historical analysis. Educational Psychologist, 32(1), 41-56. doi:

10.1207/s15326985ep3201_4

In-Text Citation Example:

(Cox, 1997)
Journal Article from the WCCC Databases with More than One Author

**Note:** When you have multiple authors for an article, cite them in the same order as they appear on the article.

References Entry Format:

Last name of first author, First and middle initial of first author, Last name of second author, First and middle initial of second author, & Last name of third author, First and middle initial of third author. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of the Journal, Volume number*(Issue number), page number(s). doi:xxxxxxx if available or http://www.xxxxxx

In-Text Citation Format:

(Last name of first author, Last name of second author, & Last name of third author, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Dodd, Mezes, Lobban, & Jones, 2017)

Online Magazine/Journal Article with an Author

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Magazine/Journal, Volume number*(Issue number), page number(s). doi:xxxxxxx if available or http://www.xxxxxx

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s last name, Year of publication)
References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Springen, 2004)

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**Online Journal/Magazine Article with No Author**

References Entry Format:

Title of article. (Year, Month Day of magazine issue). *Title of Journal/Magazine, Volume number if available*(Issue number if available), Page number(s). doi:xxxxxx or Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxx

In-Text Citation Format:

(Title of article, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(“The Frugal Fisherman,” 2007)

**Note:** Unlike the entry on the References page, when creating an in-text citation without an author, quotation marks and proper capitalization are used.

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**Online Newspaper Article**

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year, Month Day of newspaper issue). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, Page number(s). doi:xxxxxxx (if available) or Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxx.com

In-Text Citation Format:

*Revised as of 2/5/2020*
References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Cooney, 2004)

Web Site

References Entry Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author OR Name of organization. (Year, Month Day of publication or uploading). *Title of web page*. Retrieved from URL

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author’s last name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(James, 2004)

eBook Accessed through the WCCC Library’s Databases

*Note:* If an eBook is accessed through a platform/e-reader, such as Kindle or iBooks, follow the format for Cengage computer-based or app. access above.

References Entry Format:


Revised as of 2/5/2020
In-Text Citation Format:
(Author’s last name, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example:
(Harmening, 2014)

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**MOTION PICTURES (films, DVDs, or videos)**

References Entry Format:
Last name of producer, director, or creator, First and middle initial of producer, director, or creator (Function of person cited). (Year of Copyright). *Title of movie* [Format]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.

In-Text Citation Format:
(Last name of producer, director or creator, Year of publication)

References Entry Example:

In-Text Citation Example:
(Assey, Doscher & Whitinig, 1981)

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**PODCASTS**

References Entry Format:
Last name of producer, director, or creator, First and middle initial of producer, director, or creator (Function of person cited). (Release Date). *Title of the episode* [Audio podcast].

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In-Text Citation Format:

(Last name of producer, director or creator, Year of release)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Rissian, 2012)

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**VIDEO FROM YOUTUBE**

Note: If the author (creator) is not available, use the screen name associated with the video as the author.

References Entry Format:

Author, A. A. [Screen name]. (Year, month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from http://xxxxxx

In-Text Citation Format:

(Last name of the author, year)

References Entry Example:


In-Text Citation Example:

(Apsolon, 2011)
References


