

## APA 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, 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:**

1. The References list must be on a separate sheet from the text of your paper, and it 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.
2. Alphabetize all types of sources in one list by the first word of the citation (other than **the, a, or an**).
3. 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.
4. Include only those sources that you cited in the text of your paper.
5. 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.
6. When preparing your Reference page, you must double space all entries and use the hanging indent.
7. 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.

## PRINT SOURCES

### **Book by One Author**

#### Citation Format:

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

#### Example:

Dudek, S. G. (2001). *Nutrition essentials for nursing practice*. Philadelphia, PA:  
Lippincott.

#### In-Text Citation Example:

(Dudek, 2001).

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### **Book by Two or More Authors**

#### Citation 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*. 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)

#### Example:

Schorr, T. M., & Kennedy, M. S. (1999). *100 years of American nursing: Celebrating a century of caring*. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Schorr & Kennedy, 1999).

*Note: 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.*

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**Edited Book**

Citation Format:

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

Example:

Leninger, M. M. (Ed.). (1991). *Culture care diversity and universality: A theory of nursing*. New York, NY: National League for Nursing Press.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Leninger, 1991)

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## Article or Chapter in a Book

### Citation 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* (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)

### Example:

Koudsi, S. (2001). Men are at risk of eating disorders. In J.A. Hurley (Ed.), *Eating disorders: Opposing viewpoints* (pp. 69-75). San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Koudsi, 2001)

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## Magazine Article

### Citation 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)

### Example:

Leary, M. (2004, July/August). Get over yourself! *Psychology Today*, 62-65.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Leary, 2004)

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**Newspaper Article**

[Use the abbreviation pp. or p. before the page numbers]

Citation 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)

Example:

O'Connor, A. (2004, August 3). New ways to loosen addiction's grip. *The New York Times*, pp. F1, F6.

In-Text Citation Example:

(O'Connor, 2004)

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**Journal Article**

Citation Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of journal issue). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume number(Issue number if available), Page number(s) of article.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name, Year of publication)

Example:

Broderick, M. (2003). Spotting drug use. *RN*, 66(9), 48-53.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Broderick, 2003)

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**A Published Interview**

Citation Format:

Last name of interviewee, First and middle initial of interviewee. (Year of publication)

Title of interview if available/Interviewer: First name Middle Initial Last Name.

*Title of Journal*, Volume number(Issue number if available), Page number(s) of article.

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's Last Name, Year of publication)

Example:

Hitchens, C. (2006). American interventions/Interviewer: *John Rodden*. *Society*, 44(1), 7-15.

In-Text Citation Example:

(Hitchens, 2006)

*Note: If you conduct an interview yourself, do not include the information on your reference page. It should only be cited parenthetically in the text of your document.*

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## ONLINE SOURCES

General information:

1. 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
2. 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>”
3. 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.
4. No retrieval date is needed (unless your source is very fluid such as a wiki).

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### Online Magazine Article with No Author

#### Citation Format:

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

#### In-Text Citation Format:

(Title of article, Year of publication)

#### Example:

The frugal fisherman. (2007, May 12). *Economist* 383(8528), 31-32. Retrieved from <http://www.economist.com>

#### 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 Magazine Article with an Author

### Citation 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), page number(s). doi:xxxxxxx if available or <http://www.magazineaddress.com>

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's last name, Year of publication)

### Example:

Springen, K. (2004, August 9). Anxiety: Sweet, elusive sleep. *Newsweek*, 144(6), 47.

Retrieved from <http://www.newsweek.com/>

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Springen, 2004)

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## Online Journal Article

### Citation Format:

Last name of author, First and middle initial of author. (Year of journal issue). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, *Volume number*(Issue number), page number(s). doi:xxxxxxx (If available)

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's last name, Year of publication)

### Example:

Olivardia, R., Pope, H.G., Borowiecki, J.J., & Cohane, G.H. (2004). Biceps and body image: The relationship between muscularity and self-esteem, depression, and eating disorder symptoms. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*, 5(2), 112-120. doi:10.1037/1524-9220.5.2.112

In-Text Citation Example:

(Olivardia, 2004)

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**Online Newspaper Article**

Citation 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.xxxxx.com>

In-Text Citation Format:

(Author's last name, Year of publication)

Example:

Cooney, E. (2004, January 26). Intensive caring; St. Vincent ICU staff lauded for compassionately keeping patients' families informed. *Telegram & Gazette*, C1. Retrieved from <http://www.telegram.com/>

In-Text Citation Example:

(Cooney, 2004)

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## Web Site

### Citation 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)

Example:

James, J. S. (2004, June 25). *President Bush on AIDS: More questions than answers*. Retrieved from <http://www.aids.org/atn/a-402003.html>

### In-Text Citation Example:

(James, 2004)

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

### Citation 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)

Example:

Assey, J. L. (Producer), & Doscher, S. (Director), & Whitinig, S. (Writer/Director).  
(1981). *The Nurse-patient relationship* [Motion picture]. United States: Health Sciences Consortium.

### In-Text Citation Example:

(Assey, Doscher & Whitinig, 1981)

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## PODCASTS

### Citation 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]. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxx.com>

### In-Text Citation Format:

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

### Example:

Rissian, L. C. (Producer). (2012, May 4). *Twelve parsecs* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from <http://itunes.apple.com>

### 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.**

### Citation Format:

Author, A. A. [Screen name]. (year, month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>

### In-Text Citation Format:

(Last name of the author, year)

Example:

Apsolon, M. [markapsolon]. (2011, September 9). *Real ghost girl caught on video tape*

14 [Video file]. Retrieved from

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nyGCbxD848>

In-Text Citation Example:

(Apsolon, 2011)