APA DOCUMENTATION STYLE

In-Text Citations and Reference Lists
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Styles Guides

Different professional communities use different style guides, that include rules for documentation, organization, style, and formatting.

American Psychological Association (APA) Style Guide
- Social Sciences
- Nursing

Modern Language Association (MLA) Style Guide
- English Studies - Language and Literature
- Foreign Language and Literatures

Chicago Style Guide
- Literature, history, and the arts
- Sciences
- Social sciences

Ask your teachers which guide they want you to use.
What is Documentation?

Documentation give an author or resource credit for original information. Documentation of a paper includes two parts:

- **Citations**: These are “in-text”, meaning in body of your paper. When you present information, you briefly identify its source.

- **References**: On a separate page at the end of your paper, you write a detailed list of the sources cited in your paper.

- The in-text citations and reference list should document the exact same sources.
Why Document?

- Give authors credit for their ideas
- Avoid plagiarism
- Increase credibility and transparency
- Help your readers focus on your ideas
- Join an ongoing academic discussion
- Become a part of a professional community
What to Document

• Any information that you learned from another source including facts, statistics, opinions, theories, photographs, and charts

• Document these sources when you mention their information in any way (quotations, summaries, paraphrases)

• EXCEPTION: Information that is common knowledge
  • Barak Obama is the president of the United States.
  • The declaration of independence was signed July 4, 1776.
In-Text Citation Format

An in-text citation usually includes the following information:

- **Author’s last name** (no first name or initial)
- **Publication date** (year only—even for electronic sources)
- **Page number** (required for quotations; optional for paraphrases)

The rest of the information about the source appears in the references list.
In-Text Citation Examples

People with bipolar disorder often have lower wages, higher unemployment, work absenteeism, reliance on workmen’s compensation, higher rates of divorce, lower levels of educational attainment, higher arrest rates, and hospitalization (Leahy, 2007).

Genres are “abstract, socially recognized ways of using language” (Hyland, 2003, p. 21).

According to Leahy (2007), people with bipolar disorder often have lower wages, higher unemployment, work absenteeism, reliance on workmen’s compensation, higher rates of divorce, lower levels of educational attainment, higher arrest rates, and hospitalization.

According to Hyland (2003), genres are “abstract, socially recognized ways of using language” (p. 354).
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Gee (2005) believes that the meaning of language is inherently social.

Gee’s (2005) theory that “language has meaning only in and through social practices” (p. 8) lends support for social learning theories.
## In-Text Citations: Multiple Authors

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Reference List Format

• “References” is centered and the first line of the page

• Double-spaced, ½ inch hanging indent

• Works are alphabetized by authors’ last names (or by title if no author)

• Multiple entries by same author: earliest goes first
Formatting Books and Journals

BOOK
- Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

ARTICLE IN A PRINT JOURNAL
Formatting Online Journals with DOI

• Use the same format as a print journal

• At the end of the reference, add the DOI (digital object identifier)

• Found on the first page of an electronic journal article

• Before the DOI write: http://dx.doi.org/

EXAMPLE

Formatting Online Journals without DOI

- If DOI is not available, include journal homepage URL

- Before the URL write: Retrieved from

EXAMPLE

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The emerging new science of psychopathology.

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