



Sociology 1A06 APA Citation Style

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Agenda

1. what is APA style & why do I need to use it?
2. the reference list
3. in-text citations



1. What is APA style & why do I need to use it?



What is APA style?

- developed by social and behavioural scientists to **standardize scientific writing**
- uniform **style helps us scan articles quickly** for key points and findings
- encourages **full disclosure** of essential information



Why do I have to cite my sources?

- **to give credit to the authors** of the works that you are using
- **to provide additional sources for further study**, and put your interpretations into context
- failure to properly cite your sources constitutes **plagiarism** and is a violation of moral and professional ethics



When do I cite?

- cite **the sources that have influenced your work**, even when you are paraphrasing
- to avoid plagiarism, take careful **notes** and keep track of all sources to collect the info you need to cite them properly



2. The reference list



Reference list

- **purpose:** to help readers find the sources you used
- **position:** at the end of the paper
- **order of entries:** alphabetized by the author/first author's surname



Reference List

- style: hanging indent, double spaced
- **required:** if you cite any sources in your paper
- every source cited in your paper must appear on the reference list **AND**
- every entry in your reference list must be cited in your paper



Reference list elements

- author name(s)
- publication date
- title of the work
- publication data



Reference list elements

author name

date

title of the work

Portes, A.

(1998).

Social capital: Its

origins and applications in modern

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24, 1-24.

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Journal articles: formatting

- **article title:** sentence case



Social capital: Its origins and applications
in modern sociology.

Capitalize the first word following a colon
or period in the title.



Journal articles: formatting

- **journal title:** title case

Annual Review of Sociology, 24, 1-24.

Italicize journal title and volume number, but not the page numbers



Journal articles: formatting

- include the **issue number** in parentheses if each issue's pagination begins with page 1

Annual Review of Sociology, 24 (1),
1-24.



Article: 2-6 authors

Kobayashi, E., Kerbo, H.R., & Sharp, S.F.
(2010). Differences in individualistic and
collectivistic tendencies among college
students in Japan and the United States.
*International Journal of Comparative
Sociology, 51, 59 - 84.*

When listing multiple authors, use an
ampersand (&) in the reference list
rather than "and."



Article: 7 or more authors

Black, C. P., Arlo, S. T., Rechit, R., Machlen, J. P., Sempson, K., Bee, A. L., **et al.** (1999). Citing seven or more authors in APA format. *Journal of APA Style and Format*, 17, 45-75.

List the first 6 authors, then a comma and "et al."



Online articles

- include volume number and inclusive page numbers if available
- include the article DOI if available; if not, cite the home page URL of the journal



Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

- new requirement with APA 6th ed.
- “A DOI is a unique alphanumeric string . . . to identify content and provide a persistent link to its location on the Internet”
- analogous to an ISBN



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- typically located on the first page of the electronic journal article, near the copyright notice



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3. In-text citations



When do you cite your sources in your paper?

- When you
 - **refer to an idea** you drew from something you read
 - **quote** from something you read or heard
 - want to give the reader some places to look for **additional information**



Paraphrasing



Scott (1992) identified...

Several researchers
(Anthony, 1990; Gregory
& Jacobs, 1985; Polk et
al., 1980) reported...

Or at the end of a sentence
paraphrased from another
work (Scott, 1992).



Citing while paraphrasing

- List the last names of all authors the first time you cite them, unless there are more than 5.
- If there are more than five, or you are citing the paper of 3 or more authors for a second or more time, list last name of first author, followed by “et al.,” and the date.



Examples

first time:

Scott, Williamson,
and Schaffer
(1990) reported
that...

every time after:

Scott et al. (1990)
reported that...

first time and every time:

Scott and Williamson
(1990) reported
that...

6 or more authors,
use "et al.," first
time and every
time.



Citing while quoting

- quotation marks, author last name(s), date, **page numbers** or **paragraph numbers** (for online sources with no page numbers).
- “...the research findings clearly indicate support for the hypotheses” (Douglass, 1986, p. 55).



Warning

- Keep quotations to a minimum (less than 3 per paper, generally speaking)
- Don't forget the quotation marks and page numbers (or paragraph numbers), or you will be guilty of plagiarism!



Useful Resources

- From APA:
 - The APA Publication Manual: Mills Quick Reference, 2nd floor, bookstore
 - APA Style home page: <http://www.apastyle.org/>
 - APA Style Blog: <http://blog.apastyle.org/>
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