Citations with APA

Reading & Writing Citations in APA Style
Parts of a Citation

Common Examples

**Book:** Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location: Publisher.

**Website:** Author, A. A. (Date of last update). Title. Retrieved from URL


[Deconstructing Citations Video](#)
APA Style

APA Specifics:

0 First names are initials only, de-emphasizing the sex of the author

0 Only the first word of the title and subtitle, excepting proper nouns, is capitalized.

0 The author and year are considered the most important pieces of information and placed first

0 Only numbers are used to denote pages, volume & issue

0 Citations for other kinds of works will be slightly different but include the same types of information
Recognizing Different Sources


Simplest citation, look for the place of publication

Full date, if available, rather than year only

Title not italicized

Includes URL
Recognizing Different Sources


Articles are recognizable by the inclusion of a volume and/or issue number.

If accessed online, the citation should include a digital object identifier (doi) number when available.
Recognizing Different Sources


Similar to an article with the two titles, but since it’s a book, it still has a publishing city.

Anthologies or other collections of works will also typically have an editor.
Style Guides

- For more information on the specific guidelines for building a citation, consult an APA style manual.

- There are several great resources available online, such as The **Online Writing Lab** at Purdue University or those found under **Student Services** on the Touro Library website.
Many databases now have a feature that will build a citation in your preferred style automatically – this can be a great time-saver, but be sure to look it over since these systems often miss some of the details of capitalization or punctuation.
Another option for building your bibliography is to use a software like NoodleTools.

NoodleTools is a subscription service that you have access to as a student at Touro.

Just choose the type of resource you’d like to cite and fill in the required information as prompted.

It will automatically be formatted in whichever citation style you choose.
NoodleTools

In addition to building citations, NoodleTools can assist you with all phases of the research and writing process, including note-taking, outlining, annotations, etc.

Check it out at www.noodletools.com

In order to create a log-on, access for the first time through a campus computer to set up a user name and password.

When accessing from off-campus, you will need to sign-in twice: once to the Touro network, and then to you individual NoodleTools account.
Choose your source type, then fill in the information as requested to generate an accurate citation.

Export your completed bibliography, plus get help with in-text citations.
Use NoodleTools to take notes on your research and link them to sources in your bibliography, then drag to rearrange, organize into piles or by tag, or search through them.
A Note on Electronic Sources

- If you are consulting an electronic version of a source that also appears in print, like many items in periodical (journal) or e-book databases, the preference is to cite it as if you were looking at the print copy.
  - For journal articles DO add a DOI number, if available.
- Since different people will not have access to the same databases you are using, this makes it much easier for others to locate a copy of the document.
When you quote, paraphrase, or summarize from another author, it is necessary to include both an in-text citation and a full entry in your reference list.

The three pieces of information included in an in-text citation are **author, year, and page number(s)**.
In-text Citations (APA)

- Author and/or year may be included in the text of your paper
  - In 2004, Smith observed that, “...(98).”
- Or, all of the information can be placed in parentheses at the end of the sentence or section
  - (Smith, 2004, p. 98)
- For quotes longer than ~40 words, use block formatting, indented ½ inch from the left margin and omitting quotation marks
- When paraphrasing or summarizing, page numbers are strongly encouraged but not strictly necessary
Bibliography

- In an APA style paper, your works cited page should be titled “References” (centered).
- The first line of each citation should be flush left; any subsequent lines should be indented ½ inch (hanging indent).
- It should be double spaced without any extra spaces between citations.

References


When to Cite

Citation Game Show
For More Information

- To find additional resources about these or any other topics related to research and library use, don’t forget to visit the Student Services page on the Library website.

- Go to [http://www.tourolib.org/services/students](http://www.tourolib.org/services/students)

- Or, find it on the library homepage

And you can always ask a librarian!