The Writing Center APA Reference List



On the backside of this handout is an example of what an APA-style references page typically looks like. Using standard formats for your entries enhances your credibility with academic readers, and alphabetizing your list helps fellow researchers quickly locate the sources that you refer to in the body of your text.

Keep in mind a few more formatting rules:

- Begin your References page on a new page; it will be the last page of your essay. You need to label this page References in **bold**.
- The page must have one-inch margins on each side.
- Double space the works cited page and use hanging indents.
- Alphabetize the entries based on the first segment of information in the entry. (i.e., if you don't have the author's name, begin the entry with the work's title)
- All titles should be italicized.
- Please see the APA Publication Manual, 7th Edition for more detailed explanations.
- To look into specific APA citation questions, go to The APA Style Center at https://apastyle.apa.org or Google Purdue OWL with specific questions.

- 1. Note about next page: The information in [brackets] on the following page is not part of the citation. We have listed in brackets the type of source; you will not need to do this when you create your works cited page.
- 2. Note about URLs: APA recommends using the URL or DOI for online sources. However, your instructor may prefer that you use either the URL or DOI. You should use whichever you professor prefers and is available.

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