



# Wichita State University Libraries

---

## Citing Sources: APA Style

This handout is intended as a short guide for citing sources using APA style. See the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5<sup>th</sup> edition for a complete guide. It is available in the Quick Reference section of the Ablah Library located beside the reference desk. The call number is BF 76.7 .A46 5<sup>th</sup>.

The key to citing is to give the reader enough information to locate the source. Citations for different types of sources differ because the pieces of information needed to find those sources are different. Some common types of sources are listed below with directions on citing them along with examples. Consistency is essential.

### Journal Article

Author(s). (Year of Publication). Article title. *Journal Title*, Volume(Issue if given), Page numbers.

Example:

Thomaz, C.E., Gillies, D.F., & Feitosa, R.Q. (2003). Using mixture covariance matrices to improve face and facial expression recognitions. *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 24(13), 2159-2165.

### Magazine Article

Author(s). (Publication date). Article title. *Journal Title*, Volume, Page numbers.

Examples:

Kukula, E.P., & Elliott, S.J. (2004, September). Evaluation of a facial recognition algorithm across three illumination conditions. *IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Magazine*, 19, 19-23.

Wilks, N. (2005, March). On the case [biometrics recognition - war against crime]. *Professional Engineering*, 18, 24-5.

### Book

Author. (Date). *Title*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Billo, E. J. (2007). *Excel for scientists and engineers: numerical methods*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Interscience.

### **Entry in an Encyclopedia or Handbook**

Author. (Date of Publication). Title of article. In *Title of Encyclopedia or Handbook* (Vol. volume #, pp. pages). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Dincer, I., & Midilli, A. (2007). Green energy. In *Encyclopedia of Energy Engineering and Technology* (Vol. 2, pp. 771-786). Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

If an entry has no byline, place the title in the author position.

### **Published Conference Article**

Author. (Year of Conference). Title of article. In *Title of Conference* (pp. pages of article). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Ozugurlu, E., Reinaud, J.N., & Dritschel, D.G. (2007). Merger criterion for two vortices in 3D quasi-geostrophic flow. In *International Conference on Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics* (pp. 391-396). Melville, NY: American Institute of Physics.

### **Web Page**

Author or Official Sponsor. (Date created or updated). Title of page. Retrieved Date retrieved, from URL.

Example:

Baer, W.M. (2007, October 11). Ethical use of engineering information videos. Retrieved April 24, 2008, from [http://library.wichita.edu/aveng/Ethics\\_vid/Ethics.htm](http://library.wichita.edu/aveng/Ethics_vid/Ethics.htm).

If an entry has no byline, place the title in the author position.

### **Sources That Have Both Print and Online Formats; Retrieved Online**

Cite the same way as print sources of the same type, but add the following:

Retrieved [Date Retrieved], from [URL or Database name].

Example:

Keyes, R.W. (2005, January). Challenges for quantum computing with solid-state devices. *Computer* 38, 65-69. Retrieved April 25, 2008, from the IEEEXplore database.