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How to Write Citations in APA Style

This guide is based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5th ed., 2001.

A CITATION:

- ◆ is made up of all the publishing details needed to identify a specific publication—*author, title, publisher, date, pages*, etc.
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BOOK CITATIONS include:

- author(s) or editor(s)
- date of publication
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- edition (if other than 1st)
- place of publication
- publisher

Single-author book citation:

Grisham, J. (1992). *The pelican brief*. New York: Doubleday.

Multiple-author book citation:

Stout, G., & Johnson, R. A. (2000). *Red Sox century: One hundred years of Red Sox baseball*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Edited book citation:

Messina, L. M. (Ed.). (2001). *Sports in America*. New York: H. W. Wilson.

Corporate (or group) author book citation:

National Geographic Society. (1999). *National Geographic atlas of the world* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Chapter within a book citation:

Cole, C. L., & Andrews, D. L. (2001). America's new son: Tiger Woods and America's multiculturalism. In D. L. Andrews & S. J. Jackson (Eds.), *Sport stars: The cultural politics of sporting celebrity* (pp. 70-86). New York: Routledge.

PERIODICAL ARTICLE CITATIONS include:

- author(s)
- date
- title of article
- title of periodical
- volume, part, issue no.
- page(s)

Magazine article citation:

Lacayo, R. (2002, April 15). Oprah turns the page. *Time*, 159, 63.

Journal article citation:

Mau, W., & Kopschke, A. (2001). Job search methods, job search outcomes, and job satisfaction of college graduates: A comparison of race and sex. *Journal of Employment Counseling*, 38(3), 141-149.

OTHER TYPES OF CITATIONS

Full-text magazine article obtained from a database:

Sullivan, R. (2002, February 11). Just this side of loony: It's time for the peripherals—those crazy sports that make the Olympics x-treme. *Time*, 159, 56-57. Retrieved April 15, 2002, from Expanded Academic ASAP database.

Full-text article obtained from an Internet-only journal:

Tinker, R. (2001). Future technologies for special learners. *Journal of Special Education Technology*, 16(4). Retrieved April 15, 2002, from <http://jset.unlv.edu/16.4/tinker/first.html>

Newspaper article:

Cigarettes cost U. S. \$7 per pack sold, study says. (2002, April 12). *The New York Times*, p. A20.

Government publication:

United States. Congress. Office of Technology Assessment. (1994). *Health care reform*. Washington, DC: Author.

Internet site:

American Psychological Association. (2002). *Warning signs of trauma related stress*. Retrieved April 4, 2002 from <http://www.apa.org/practice/ptsd.html>

STYLE MANUALS

A number of different “styles” exist for composing citations. Styles are established by a variety of organizations and professions. Differences in style are usually minor, and tend to occur in the order in which the information is presented and/or in the placement of punctuation and capitalization.

Below is a list of style manuals commonly used at Wichita State University. Copies of each are available in the WSU Libraries. Be sure to ask your instructors which “style” they want you to use for your research papers. Your instructors may refer you to manuals such as the ones below, or to the style used in a particular research journal.

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Call Number: BF 76.7 .A46 – Available at: the Reference Desk, Reserve, and in the stacks.

Internet Site: www.apastyle.org/pubmanual.html

Gibaldi, J. (1999). *MLA handbook for writers of research papers* (5th ed.). New York: Modern Language Association of America.

Call Number: PE 1478 .M57 1999 – Available at: the Reference Desk, Reserve, and in the stacks.

Dodd, J. (Ed.). (1997). *The ACS style guide: A manual for authors and editors*. (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: American Chemical Society.

Call Number: QD 8.5 .A25 1997 – Available at: the Chemistry Library Reference Desk.

A related handout is also available at the Reference Desk: ***Citing Electronic Sources: APA Style***.