Citing Electronic Sources: APA Style

This handout is intended as a short guide for citing electronic sources. The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.*) was the main reference for the examples listed below. It is available in the Quick Reference section of Ablah Library (Call number: BF 76.7 .A46 5th). The APA Manual has a short section demonstrating the format for electronic references on pp 268-281. The key to citing is to give the reader enough information to locate the source. Consistency is essential.

**FORMAT FOR REFERENCE CITATION:**

Author’s last name, Author’s first initial. (Date of publication). Title of document. *Title of source*(edition). Producer. Retrieved month day, year, from source.

**EXAMPLES:**

**Webpage from Professional Society**


*Note: Provide as much information as available from the source. If the author is not given treat as a corporate author.*

**E-Journal Article**

(magazine/journal only available on the Internet)


**Journal/Magazine Article**

(Internet article based on a print source)


*Note: Only need [Electronic version] when the formatting is the same as the original print.*

*Note: Use “retrieved statement” and give URL when the formatting has changed from the print edition.*

Infotrac Magazine/Journal Article


*Note: Citation includes the information provider (database).*

Article in a Reference Database


Newspaper Article


netLibrary Book


For a more thorough explanation of citing in APA please see the handout *How to write citations in APA style.*

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