

Citing Full-Text Articles from the Library's Online Databases in APA Format

The Scarborough-Phillips Library subscribes to several electronic databases from various vendors, such as InfoTrac, EBSCOhost, and Lexis-Nexis. The full-text articles you find in these databases are *not* treated the same way as web sites or articles you may find elsewhere online.

Style Manual

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. (5th ed.) Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2001. Reference Desk and BF 76.7 .P83 2001

The *Publication Manual* covers all aspects of acceptable APA style, including the formatting of title pages, the presentation of tables, and many other topics, as well as the citation style outlined here. Because it covers so many more topics than this handout can address, the *Publication Manual* should be consulted for a full understanding of APA style and to answer any questions not addressed in this handout.

Parenthetical Documentation

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Papers written according to APA document consulted works by citing the author and year at the appropriate point in the text. If not mentioned in the narrative, the author and year are given parenthetically. Each citation in the text must have a corresponding entry in the reference list, and each item in the reference list must be cited in the text of the paper. The citation will vary depending on the context of the sentence and number of authors, but the most basic citation would look like this:

Cognitive or personality style differences traditionally have been ignored in the field of human learning and memory (Eysenck, 1977).

Section 3.101 addresses how to reference specific parts of electronic sources.

Reference List

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The last section of the research paper is the reference list, entitled *References*. *Double-space* within and between entries, and use a *1/2 inch hanging indent*. *Capitalize* only proper nouns and the first word of the title (and the subtitle, if there is one) of a book and periodical article. *Capitalize* each word in a periodical title, except for conjunctions and prepositions. Do not enclose a periodical article title in quotation marks. *Italicize* book and periodical titles.

Citing an Article from A Database

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Follow the format appropriate to the work retrieved and add a retrieval statement that gives the date of retrieval and proper name of the database.

An Article in a Scholarly Journal

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Author's Last Name, Initial(s). (year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number, page number(s). Retrieved Month day, year, from Name of database.

Commas follow the journal title and volume number.

Example:

Pogge, T. J. (2002). Responsibilities for poverty-related ill health. *Ethics & International Affairs*, 16 71-79.

Retrieved December 9, 2003, from Expanded Academic ASAP.

An Article in A Popular Periodical/Magazine

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Author's Last Name, Initial(s). (date of article). Title of article. *Magazine Title*, volume number, page number(s). Retrieved Month day, year from Name of database.

Commas follow the magazine title and volume number. For magazines published weekly, provide the date in year-month-day format with a comma following the year (1998, September 21). For magazines published monthly, provide the date in year-month format with a comma following the year (1998, September). Do not abbreviate months.

Example:

Simons, John. (2003, December 8). More woes at Merck. *Fortune*, 148, 48. Retrieved December 9, 2003

from Business Source Premier.

An Article in A Newspaper

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Author's Last Name, Initial(s). (year, month day). Title of article. *Newspaper Title*, page numbers(s).

Retrieved Month day, year from Name of database.

A comma follows the newspaper title.

Example:

McPherson, H. (2003, July26). Dorm cooking rules can be educational. *Houston Chronicle*, p. 5.

Retrieved December 9, 2003 from Academic Universe.

To verify the proper name of a database, see the Online Databases handout or consult with a Reference Librarian.