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Guide to citations in APA Style, 6th edition

Recommended APA resources:

- Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): APA Style Guide
  https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/reference_list_basic_rules.html

- APA Style Blog
  https://blog.apastyle.org/
  APA editors answer tricky citation questions

  On reserve at the front desk at Boatwright Library

General instructions for APA style (the OWL website has a lot more!):

1. All referenced items need to be cited in-text AND in a References list at the end of the paper.

2. In-text citations in APA use a parenthetical style with author, year of publication, and sometimes a page number.
   a. You should always include the author and year of publication: (Lunstrum, 2014)
   b. We do not encourage use of direct quotations, but if you must use a direct quotation rather than summary or paraphrase, also include a page number: (Lunstrum, 2014, p. 820).
   c. The parenthetical citation goes outside quotation marks and inside punctuation.
   d. For 1-2 authors, include both authors in your in-text citation: (Bulkeley & Betsill, 2003).
   e. For 3 or more authors, use the first author plus “et al.”: (Steenweg et al., 2017).

3. Your References list at the end of your paper should start on a new page, be in alphabetic order, and be double-spaced. Your references should use the “hanging indent” style.
   a. For 1-7 authors, list all authors.
   b. For more than 7 authors, abbreviate the list by listing the first 6 authors and the last author, with an ellipsis (three dots) between – like this:

4. The list of examples below is not exhaustive and you may need to look up the style for a different item type – use the resources provided above.
**Examples:**

**Journal Article**

In-text: (Lunstrum, 2014)

References list:

**Book**

In-text: (Bulkeley & Betsill, 2003)

References list:

**Electronic Book**

Note: You can find APA guidelines for e-books on the OWL website, but generally you’ll use this format only if a book is unavailable in print. Otherwise, use the regular “Book” format above, even if you accessed an electronic version of the book.

**Edited Book**

In-text: (Convis, 2001)

References list:

**Article or Chapter in an Edited Book/Encyclopedia**
### References


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**Report From a Private Organization/Non-periodical web document (i.e. a website or PDF from a website)**

*Note: These types of documents vary and can be difficult to cite, which is why 3 examples are provided below. Include the date you accessed the document in your citation.*


**Film or online video:**

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*Note: if you are citing a specific passage from a film, use a time stamp instead of page number in your in-text citation. For example: (Rappmund, 2015, 4:50) indicates that you’re citing the part that starts 4 minutes and 50 seconds into the film.*

**Article from a Newspaper or Magazine**

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****If you find differences between the examples above and the OWL website or the APA Publications Manual, please default to the OWL website or the APA Publications Manual.****