APA Referencing

THIS IS A QUICK GUIDE TO THE APA REFERENCING STYLE (6TH EDITION)

- The American Psychological Association reference style uses the Author-Date format.
- Refer to the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.) for more information.
  Check the Library Catalogue for call number and location(s).
- When quoting directly or indirectly from a source, the source must be acknowledged in the text by author name and year of publication. If quoting directly, a location reference such as page number(s) or paragraph number is also required.

**IN-TEXT**

**Direct quotation** – use quotation marks around the quote and include page numbers

Samovar and Porter (1997) point out that "language involves attaching meaning to symbols" (p.188). Alternatively, “Language involves attaching meaning to symbols” (Samovar & Porter, 1997, p.188).

**Indirect quotation/paraphrasing** – no quotation marks

Attaching meaning to symbols is considered to be the origin of written language (Samovar & Porter, 1997).

_N.B. Page numbers are optional when paraphrasing, although it is useful to include them (Publication Manual, p. 171)._

**Citations from a secondary source**

As Hall (1977) asserts, “culture also defines boundaries of different groups” (as cited in Samovar and Porter, 1997, p. 14).

- At the end of your assignment, you are required to provide the full bibliographic information for each source. References must be listed in alphabetical order by author.

**EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES BY TYPE**

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<td>Krause, K.-L., Bochner, S., &amp; Duchesne, S. (2006). Educational psychology for learning and teaching (2nd ed.). South Melbourne, Vic., Australia: Thomson. N.B. Use &amp; between authors’ names, except when paraphrasing in text. When a work has three, four or five authors, cite all authors the first time, and in subsequent citations include only the first author followed by et al.</td>
<td>(Krause, Bochner, &amp; Duchesne, 2006) then (Krause et al., 2006)</td>
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<td>3. Book or report by a corporate author e.g. organisation, association, government department</td>
<td>University of Waikato. (1967). First hall of residence (Information series No. 3). Hamilton, New Zealand: Author. N.B. When the author and the publisher are the same, use Author in the publisher field.</td>
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6. **Course handout/Lecture notes**
   *N.B. Put format in square brackets - e.g. [PowerPoint slides] [Lecture notes]*

7. **Film** – (see Library APA referencing webpage for music and other media)
   *N.B. For films, DVDs or videorecordings use [Motion picture] in square brackets. Give the country of origin and the name of the motion picture studio.*

8. **Journal article – academic/scholarly** (electronic version) with DOI (see also Library APA referencing webpage)
   *N.B. A capital letter is used for key words in the journal title. The journal title and volume number are italicised, followed by the issue number in brackets (not italicised).*

9. **Journal article – academic/scholarly** (electronic version) with no DOI
   *N.B. Undergraduates: Give the name of the database. Researchers: Give the URL of the journal homepage. e.g. Retrieved from http://ucpressjournals.com/journal.asp?j=aeq*

10. **Journal article - academic/scholarly** (print version)

11. **Journal article - academic/scholarly** (Internet only – no print version)
    *N.B. (n.d.) = no date. For html version only, cite the paragraph number in text*

12. **Magazine article – popular/trade/general interest**
    *N.B. Full date is used for weekly magazines; month and year for monthly magazines*

13. **Newspaper article** – (Print version)
    *N.B. Include p. or pp. before the page number – for newspapers only, not magazines*

14. **Newspaper article** (Database like Newztext Plus) *(also see Library referencing webpage for Internet version)*

15. **Newspaper article with no author**
    *N.B. Article title comes first. In the text, abbreviate title and use double quotation marks.*

16. **Personal Communication** (letters, telephone conversations, emails, interviews)
    (H. Clarke, personal communication, March 19, 2004)

17. **Thesis – print version - outside the US (NEW)**
    *Dewstow, 2006) or Dewstow (2006) identified ...*

18. **Thesis – Institutional or personal webpage - outside the US (NEW)**
    *Dewstow, 2006)*

19. **Webpages** *(When multiple webpages are referenced, reference the homepage)*
    *N.B. Author (could be organisation), date (either date of publication or latest update), document title, date retrieved if contents are likely to change, URL*