APA Style: A brief guide for citing your sources

This APA style guide has been designed for Marymount California University students who are writing for the Behavioral and Social Sciences. A variety of reference examples by type are listed below to assist you with citing your sources. Start your reference list on a new page. The word References should appear in upper-case and lowercase letters, centered at the top of your paper. Double-space all reference entries. Your references should be in a hanging indent format, meaning that the first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented. Don’t forget to alphabetize your reference list. The reference list provides the necessary information for your readers to locate and retrieve any source you cited in your paper.

Remember: Each entry included in the reference list must be cited in your work. It is suggested that you consult with your instructor for the style preferred by your department. Be consistent and don’t mix styles. Inquire at the Help Desk with one of the librarians for style manuals available at Marymount California University.

PERIODICALS: Newspapers, journals, & magazines

Note: Digital Object Identifier (DOI) is an alphanumeric string of characters used to identify a book, journal article, website, video clip, picture, or other item of intellectual property, typically in digital format. The notation “pp-pp.” refers to the page range of a resource such as an article.

I. Journal article with DOI

Citation Formula:

doi:xx.xxxxxxxxx

Reference Example:

II. Journal article without DOI

Citation Formula:
Reference Example:

III. **Online magazine article**

*Citation Formula:*

*Reference Example:*

IV. **Online newspaper article**

*Citation Formula:*

*Reference Example:*

BOOKS, REFERENCE BOOKS, AND BOOK CHAPTERS

I. **Entire book, print version**

*Citation Formula:*
Author, A. A. (year). *Title of work* (edition). Location: Publisher

*Reference Example:*
II. Chapter in a book (print version)

*Citation Formula:*
Author, A. A. (year). Title or chapter of entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.

*Reference Example:*

III. Reference book

*Citation Formula:*

*Reference Example:*

IV. Electronic-only book

*Citation Formula:*
Author, A. A. (year). *Title of eBook*. Retrieved from [URL]

*Reference Example:*

V. Edited book, no author

*Citation Formula:*
Author, A. A. (Eds.). (year). *Title of Book*. Location: Publisher.

*Reference Example:*
VI. Entry in an online reference work, no author or editor

Note: When the published date is not ambiguous use ca. and a bracketed date ([ca. year / n.d.]). The abbreviation ca. means near or approximately; it is from the Latin word, circa. When the date is unknown, use n.d. for “no date.”

*Citation Formula:*


*Reference Example:*


VII. Online Encyclopedias

Note: Often encyclopedias do not provide author’s names. When no author’s name is present, move the “title of entry” to the front of the citation. Provide publication dates if present or specify (n.d.) if no date is present in the entry.

*Citation Formula:*


*Reference Example:*


REFERENCE TO LEGAL MATERIAL:

I. Court Decision: US Supreme Court

*Citation Formula:*

Name v. Name, Volume Source Page (Court Date).

*Reference Example:*

AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA

I. A Painting or Sculpture

_Citation Formula:_
Artist, A. A. _Title of art work_. Date of composition. Name of Institution who houses the item, location.

_Reference Example:_

II. Photograph from Online

_Citation Formula:_
Photographer, A. A. (Photographer). (Year, Month Date of Publication). Title of Photograph [digital image]. Retrieved from URL

_Reference Example:_

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III. Blog post

Note: If the author’s full name is available, list the last name first followed by initials. If only a screen name is available, use the screen name.

_Citation Formula:_

_Reference Example:_

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IV. Twitter

_Citation Formula:_

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Reference Example:

V. Facebook

Citation Formula:
Username or group name. (Year). In Facebook [Page type]. Retrieved Month day, Year from

http://www.xxxxxxxxxxx

Reference Example:

VI. Motion picture

Citation Formula:

Reference Example:

VII. Music recording

Citation Formula:
Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recording by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On title of album [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copy date)

Reference Example:
VIII. Video from Films on Demand

*Example Citation Formula:*
*Title of Video [file type]. (Year). In name of database. Retrieved Month day, year, from*

   [Insert URL]

*Reference Example:*

   [Insert URL]

IX. Podcast

*Example Citation Formula:*
*Producer, A. A. (Producer). (Year, month day). Title of podcast. [type of podcast]. Retrieved from*

   [Insert URL]

*Reference Example:*
References
