

Hints on APA Style for HDFS Students

American Psychological Association (APA) style is an editorial style that is used in many of the social and behavioral sciences to present written material. This includes guidelines for both citations in text and reference format. For every in-text citation there should be a full citation in the reference list and vice versa. The following provides some basic information on APA style. For more detailed information on APA please see the following:

American Psychological Association. (2001). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

American Psychological Association. (2007). *APA Style Guide to Electronic References*. Washington, DC: Author.

<http://www.apastyle.org/>

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/ref/virtual/citation.htm#apa>

PAPER FORMAT

Papers should be double-spaced using 12 point font (Courier or Times Roman) with 1 inch margins all around. Number all pages consecutively, beginning with the title page. Paragraph indentation: Indent first line of every paragraph (use the tab key which should be set at five to seven spaces or ½ in.).

IN-TEXT CITATION OF SOURCES:

When you refer to or base your ideas on another's work (either paraphrasing or quoting), you **MUST** provide a reference.

Quotations: Material directly quoted from another author's work should be reproduced word for word and enclosed in double quotation marks. Always provide the **author, year, and specific page citation** in the text. For quotations over 40 words, omit the quotation marks, indent and single space the whole block.

Paraphrasing: Provide the **author's last name and year of publication** in the text.

In-Text Citation Examples:

One author: Elder (1998) discussed and children.
Life course theory with families (Elder, 1998).
In a recent study of paternal involvement, Roy (2006) described....

Two authors: Always cite both names when reference occurs in text.
In parentheses, use "&" between authors; in the phrase, use "and."

Turney and Kao (1999) found for parents.
Immigrant parents feel behaviors in school (Turney & Kao, 1999).
Shonkoff and Phillips (2000) define self-regulation as "a child's ability to gain control of" (p. 25).

- 3-5 authors: Cite all authors the first time. For subsequent citations, include last name of 1st author followed by et al. (not italicized and with a period after al.)
- Amato, Booth, Johnson, Rogers, and Smock (2007) suggest that the changes in marriage in America history.
All subsequent citations: The current debate about the meaning of marriage end (Amato et al., 2007).
- 6+ authors: Use the last name of the first author followed by et al. in text.
- Edleson et al. (2007) state, “Child exposure to adult domestic violence is associated young adulthood” (p. 963).
- Groups as authors: If group author is readily identified by its abbreviation the first time it is used, write out entire name then use abbreviation.
- (American Psychiatric Association [APA], 2001)
Subsequent citations: (APA, 2001)
- The National Institute of Justice (NIJ, 1996) suggests
Subsequent citations: NIJ (1996) continues to
- 2 or more works by different authors: Put authors in alphabetical order; Separate with semicolons.
Several studies (Amato et al., 2007; Lukenheimer et al., 2008; Roy, 2006) reported
- Personal Communication: Interviews, emails, etc. {Do not need to cite in reference list}
M. T. Smith (personal communication, April 25, 2009) said ...
- Citing Electronic Material: Use same author/date/title/journal format as you would above in text.
Direct Quotes: If an electronic source does not have page numbers, cite paragraph number, preceded by the paragraph symbol or para.
- “Children are ” (Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2003, Introduction Section, para. 3).
- Citing a Web site Use the web address in just the text (<http://www.kidspych.org>)
Kidspych is a wonderful interactive web site for children
(<http://www.kidspych.org>)

APA-STYLE REFERENCES

A reference list provides a full citation of articles cited in-text.

- * Type the word References at the top center of the page.
- * Double-space references and use Hanging Indents (Format-Paragraph-Special-Hanging)
- * Arrange citations alphabetically by the last name of the first author.
- * Only one space follows all punctuation.
- * Information to include in references:

Authors: Last names, initials, commas to separate, ampersand before last author, finish with a period.

Date: Give in parentheses the year the work was copyrighted.
For magazines/newspapers- year followed by date of publication.

Article Title: Capitalize only the first word of the title and of the subtitle, if any, and any proper nouns. Do not italicize or use quotation marks.

Title of work: Periodicals: Italicize title using uppercase and lowercase letters.
Nonperiodicals: Italicize. Capitalize only the first word of the title and of the subtitle, and any proper nouns.

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Include journal issue number (not italicized), if available (2007 change).
Give inclusive page numbers.
Nonperiodicals: Give city, and if not well known, the state. Publisher.

Electronic: DATABASE searches (i.e., PsychINFO, Proquest, Science Direct) often lead to an electronic version of print sources that have been reproduced with the exact same content, format, and page numbers as the print versions. In reference use: Author. (pub year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, vol(issue), pages, DOI if available. Add as much electronic retrieval information as needed for others to locate the sources you cited.

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Article from internet journal, no DOI, freely available: Use URL to article.

Article from internet journal, no DOI, subscription needed: Use URL to journal home page.

Electronic material on internet that is likely to change: Use retrieval date & URL to article:

Retrieved May 5, 2009, from <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/>

SOME EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES:

Journal Article (1 author), using print copy of journal

Roy, K. M. (2006). Father stories: A life course examination of paternal identity among low-income African American men. *Journal of Family Issues*, 27(1), 31-54.

Elder, G. H. (1998). The life course as developmental theory. *Child Development*, 69(1), 1-12.

Journal Article (2 authors), using print copy of journal

Dekovic, M., & Buist, K. (2005). Multiple perspectives within the family: Family relationship patterns. *Journal of Family Issues*, 26(4), 467-490.

Journal Article (2 authors), accessed from database, DOI assigned

Turney, K., & Kao, G. (2009). Barriers to school involvement: Are immigrant parents disadvantaged? *The Journal of Educational Research*, 102(4), 257-271.

doi:10.3200/JOER.102.4.257-271

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McCreary, L. L., & Dancy, B. L. (2004). Dimensions of family functioning: Perspectives of low-income African American single-parent families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66(3), 690-701. Retrieved from PsychINFO database.

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Edleson, J. L., Ellerton, A. L., Seagren, E. A., Kirchberg, S. L., Schmidt, S. O., & Ambrose, A.

T. (2007). Assessing child exposure to adult domestic violence. *Children & Youth*

Services Review, 29(7), 961-971. doi:10.1016/j.chilyouth.2006.12.009

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Judge, S., Floyd, K., & Jeffs, T. (2008). Using an assistive technology toolkit to promote inclusion. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 36(2), 121-126. Retrieved from Science Direct database.

Journal article (more than 6 authors), DOI assigned

Abbreviate the 7th and subsequent authors as et al.

Lunkenheimer, E. S., Dishion, T. J., Shaw, D. S., Connell, A. M., Gardner, F., Wilson, M. N., et al. (2008). Collateral benefits of the family check-up on early childhood school readiness: Indirect effects of parents' positive behavior support. *Developmental Psychology, 44*(6), 1737-1752. doi:10.1037/a0013858

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Park, A. (2008, May 21). How safe are vaccines? *Time, 171*(22), 36-41.

Newspaper Article

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Amato, P., Booth, A., Johnson, D. R., Rogers, S. J., & Smock, P. J. (2007). *Alone together: How marriage in America is changing*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Johnson, B., & Christensen, L. (2004). *Educational Research: Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Approaches* (2nd Ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson Education Inc.

Shonkoff, J. P., & Phillips, D. (2000). *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*. Washington, D. C.: National Academy Press

Article or chapter in an Edited Book

Acock, A. C., vanDulmen, M. H., Allen, K., & Piercy, F. P. (2005). Contemporary and emerging research methods in studying families. In V. L. Bengtson, A. C. Acock, K. R. Allen, P. Dilworth-Anderson, & D. M. Klein (Eds.), *Sourcebook of Family Theory and Research* (pp. 59-90). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders

American Psychiatric Association. (1994). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Government document, available on the web, has publication date & report number

National Institute of Justice (NIJ). (1996). Domestic and Sexual Violence Data Collection: A Report to Congress Under the Violence Against Women Act (Publication No. NCJ 161405). Retrieved from the Bureau of Justice Statistics:
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Tjaden, P., & Thoennes, N. (2000). Extent, nature, and consequences of intimate partner violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey (Publication No. NCJ 181867). Washington, DC: U. S. Department of Justice.

Online Article, No DOI, Freely Available

Dunst, C. J., & Trivette, C. M. (2007). Children's active participation in reading and storytelling can enhance early literacy learning. *CELLnotes*, 1(2). Center for Early Literacy Learning. Retrieved from http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/cellpapers/cellnotes_v1_n2.pdf

Mac, K. (2002). Children with disabilities. Child Welfare League of America. Retrieved May 1, 2009, from <http://www.cwla.org/articles/cv0207childrendisabilities.htm>

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Document Reproduction Service No. ED 364932). Retrieved from

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Goyen, A. (2007, February 22). Downtown Marquette dog sled races [Video file]. Video posted

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Dying professor's lecture of a lifetime. Podcast retrieved from ABC:

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/PersonOfWeek/Story?id=3633945&page=1>