

# APA

## Citing in APA

APA Style is primarily used in the behavioral and social sciences; therefore, it relies on much research-based work. APA emphasizes the idea of contributing to an existing conversation on a subject, which means references can inform the reader about what's already been found on the topic.

## Journal Articles

### Basic Format

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. *Name of Journal*, *Volume number*(Issue number), Page numbers.  
<http://doi.org/xx.xxxxxxxxxx>

### - One to Two Authors

Cramer, K. M., & Neyedley, K. A. (1998). Sex differences in loneliness: The role of masculinity and femininity. *Sex Roles*, 38, 645-653.  
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1023/A:1018850711372>

### - Three to Twenty Authors

Hawley, L. C., Browne, M. W., & Cacioppo, J. T. (2005). How can I connect with thee? Let me count the ways. *Psychological Science*, 16(10), 798-804. <http://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9280.2005.01617.x>

### - Twenty-one or More Authors

Kalney, E., Kanamitsu, M., Kistler, R., Collins, W., Deaven, D., Gandin L., Iredell, M., Saha, S., White, G., Woollen, J., Zhu, Y., Chelliah, M., Ebisuzaki, W., Higgins, W., Janowiak, J., Mo, K. C., Ropelewski, C., Wang, J., Leetmaa, A., . . . Joseph, D. (1996). The NCEP/NCAR 40-year reanalysis project. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 77(3), 437-471. <http://doi.org/fg6rf9>

### Article Titles

Only capitalize the first letter of the first word at the beginning of the title, directly after a punctuation mark, and for proper nouns.

### DOI vs. URL

Include the DOI in the citation if the source has one. Otherwise, use the URL as the last piece of information.

*For more information on DOIs, see our "APA 7 FAQ" handout.*

### 21 or More Authors

Do not list all authors when there are more than 20. Instead, list the first 19 authors, followed by three periods (each preceded and followed by one space) and the last author.

## Books

### Basic Format

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). *Title of the book*. Publisher Name.

### - Entire Books

Ward, C., Bochner, S., & Furnham, A. (2001). *The psychology of culture shock*. Routledge.

## - Chapters in Edited Books

Ward, C., & Kennedy, A. (1996). Crossing cultures: The relationship between psychological and socio-cultural dimensions of cross-cultural adjustment. In J. Pandey, D. Sinha, & D. P. S. Bhawuk (Eds.), *Asian contributions to cross-cultural psychology* (pp. 289-306). Sage Publications.

## Information from a Website

### Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of webpage*. Site Name. Retrieval date (if applicable) from URL

### - Website with Author and Date

Ratini, M. (2017, February 25). *Things that can affect your medication*. WebMD. Retrieved December 22, 2020, from <https://www.webmd.com/drug-medication/ss/slideshow-affect-medication>

### - No Author and No Date

Alzheimer's disease health center. (n.d.). WebMD.  
<http://www.webmd.com/alzheimers/default.htm>

### - Corporate Author and Date

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2015). *Seasonal influenza: About flu*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm>

### Unique Types of Media

Refer to our "APA Special Cases" handout for more information on unique citations (e.g., blog posts, movies, legal documents, etc.).

## How do I format In-Text Citations in APA?

### 1-2 Authors

- All citations: (Cramer & Neyedley, 1998) **or** Cramer and Neyedley (1998)

### 3 or more Authors

- All Citations: (Hawkey et al., 2001) or Hawkey et al. (2001) [**Only list first author with "et al."**]

### Two Authors with the same last name

- If two authors share the same last name but have different initials, include the author's initials in all in-text citations, even if the year of publication differs
- EX: (J.M. Taylor & Neimeyer, 2015) vs. (T. Taylor, 2014)

### No Author

- *List the title of the article instead*

*Do not use a comma after the author's name when using "et al."*

*Do not place a period after "et" when using "et al."*

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