APA Reference List Examples


General Guidelines:
Note major changes in the 5th edition of the APA Manual:

a) Italics, not underlining, used for book and journal titles.
b) No URL needed for online subscription databases.
c) First line of entry flush with margin; second and subsequent lines indented 5 to 7 spaces (hanging indent).

- Type the word References, centered, at the top of the first reference list page.
- Alphabetize entries by author’s last name.
- Put a period after each section of a citation (see examples); put one space after punctuation separating parts of the reference citation.
- Start the first line of each reference at the left margin; indent subsequent lines of each entry five to seven spaces.
- Capitalize the first word of the title and of any subtitle of an article, chapter or book; second and succeeding words are not capitalized unless they are proper nouns.
- All major words of journal titles should be capitalized.
- The title of a book or periodical should be in italics.
- Double-space the reference list, within each citation and between references.

(NOTE: To save space on this handout, only examples enclosed in boxes are double spaced.)

BOOKS - Sample title (one author)


KEY:

① author (last name, first and middle initial) ② year of publication ③ title ④ place of publication ⑤ publisher

multiple authors

a) two to six authors (or editors as authors)

b) more than six authors: After initials of sixth author, use a comma and the words et al. [not in italics]: …Saldarini, A. J., et al.

edited work

section of an edited work

article in a book collection

article in a general encyclopedia

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT - Sample U.S. Document


KEY:

① author or issuing agency ② year of publication ③ title ④ place of publication ⑤ publisher

PERIODICALS - Sample Journal/ Magazine Article

**KEY:**
① author ② year, month day ③ article title ④ journal title ⑤ volume ⑥ pagination or indicator of length

**Note:** For magazine articles (element 2), include complete date, as in newspaper example below. For journal articles, give year only.

**Sample Newspaper Article**


**KEY:**
① author ② year, month day ③ article title ④ newspaper title ⑤ section and page number

**ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES**

**Sample Journal Article**


**KEY:**
① author ② year, month day ③ article title ④ journal title ⑤ volume(issue) ⑥ pagination or indicator of length ⑦ access date ⑧ supplier/database name

**magazine [online subscription database]**
[Note: Unlike for journal articles, in magazine citation include month, or month and day, as given.]

**newspaper [online subscription database]**

**TV/radio program [online subscription database]**

**book [online subscription database]**

**WORLD WIDE WEB SITES**

**Sample Professional Site**


**KEY:**
① author ② date ③ document title ④ access date ⑤ Web site name ⑥ electronic address

**magazine (World Wide Web)**

**U.S. document (World Wide Web)**