

APA Documentation

for

PVCC Student Research Papers and Reports

A Citation Guide

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The two citation styles most often required in your research papers and reports at Piedmont Virginia Community College are the **MLA format** and the **APA format**.

The **MLA format** is recommended by the Modern Language Association of America and is used for papers in the humanities (history, English, and other languages). The complete source for this style is MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed, 2003. (Reserve LB2369 .G53 2003).

The **APA format** is recommended by the American Psychological Association and is used extensively in the social sciences (business, economics, psychology, sociology). The complete source for this style is the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5th ed. 2001. (Reserve BF76.7 .P83 2001).

In both citation styles parenthetical references in the text are keyed to an alphabetical list of references that follows the paper. Manuals for both styles are on Reserve -- see call numbers above. Use these volumes for a more detailed and comprehensive coverage of proper style usage.

APA BIBLIOGRAPHY

The APA calls the bibliography **References** and discusses the mechanics in detail on pages 215-281 of its manual. An alphabetical list at the end of the paper contains materials cited within the text of the paper itself. In general, the reference form uses only the last name and initials of each author, only the first word of a title is capitalized, dates appear in parentheses following the author(s) names, and quotation marks are not used for chapters of books or articles in journals. The APA manual states that these citations be double spaced. However, some professors allow you to use single spacing. Please check with your professor to be sure of the correct format required.

AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA

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The story of Evelyn Hooker [Motion picture]. (Available from Changing our Minds, Inc., 170 West End Avenue, Suite 25R, New York, NY 10023)

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PolyGram Music.

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Author, A. A. (Ed.). (Date). *Title of the book*. Location: Publisher.
Give inclusive page numbers of the article or chapter in parentheses after the title.

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Mitchell, T. R., & Larson, J. R., Jr. (1987). *People in organizations: An introduction to organizational behavior* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: Metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), *Gender issues across the life cycle* (pp. 107-123). New York: Springer.

BOOKS—REVIEWS

Schatz, B. R. (2000). Learning by text or context? [Review of the book *The Social life of information*], *Science*, 290, 1304.

INTERVIEWS

Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list. Cite personal communications in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide the date.

(T.K. Lutes, personal communication, April 18, 2001)

LECTURES, SPEECHES, and ADDRESSES

Sabato, L. (1991, October). *Politics on the edge*. Talk presented for the Window Series at Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, VA.

NEWSPAPERS

Schwartz, J. (1993, October 19). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

NOTES IN TEXT

The APA calls its style “reference citations in text” and discusses them in detail on pages 207-214 of its manual. Each time you quote from another work or wish to refer to it, use the author’s name (or title, if that is how it appears in your bibliography) followed by the publication date in parentheses.

Example:

Walker (2000) compared reaction times ...

In a recent study of reaction times, Walker (2000) described ...

On free child care (“Study Finds,” 1989) ...

The book *College Bound Seniors* (1979) ...

If the work has more than two authors (but fewer than six), cite all authors the first time the reference occurs; in subsequent citations, include only the surname of the first author followed by “et al.” Include the year if it is the first citation of the reference within a paragraph. Omit year from subsequent citations after first citation within a paragraph.

Wasserstein, Zappulla, Rosen, Gerstman, and Rock (1994) found...
[first citation in text.]

Wasserstein et al. (1994) found... [subsequent first citation per paragraph thereafter.]

Wasserstein et al. found... [subsequent citations after first citation within a paragraph.]

PERIODICALS

Deutsch, F. M., & Servis, L. J. (1993). Husbands at home: Predictors of paternal participation in childcare and housework. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 65*, 1154-1166.

Mellers, B.A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin, 126*, 910-924.

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Corsini, R. J. (Ed.). (1994). *Encyclopedia of psychology* (2nd ed., Vols. 1-4). New

York: Wiley.

Sutherland, S. (Ed.). (1996). *The international dictionary of psychology* (2nd ed.). New York: Crossroad.

TELEVISION BROADCAST

Crystal, L. (Executive Producer). (1993, October 11). *The MacNeil/Lehrer news hour* [Television broadcast]. New York and Washington, DC: Public Broadcasting Service.

WORLD WIDE WEB SOURCES

All references begin with the same information that would be provided for a printed source (or as much of that information as possible). The Web information is then placed at the end of the reference. It is only necessary to give the first part of the address of the site where you found the information. For example, if the complete address of the site is <http://www.columbia.edu/acis/bartleby/keats/keats54.html>, use <http://www.columbia.edu>.

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If you are referencing an online article that is the exact duplicate of the print version, you should add in brackets after the article title [Electronic version]. If you are referencing an online article that you believe has been changed (e.g., the format differs from the print version or page numbers are not indicated) or that includes additional data or commentary, you should add the date you retrieved the document and the URL.

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates [Electronic version]. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117-123.

Jacobson, J. W., & Schwartz, A. A. (1995). A history of facilitated communication: Science, pseudoscience, and antiscience: Science working group on facilitated communication. *American Psychologist*, 50, 750-765. Retrieved January 25, 1998, from <http://www.apa.org/>

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Berman, W. C., Hanson, M. A., Oppler, S. H., Pulakos, E.D., & White, L. A. (1993). Role of early supervisory experience in supervisor performance. *Journal of Applied Psychology, 78*, 443-449. Retrieved October 23, 2000, from PsycARTICLES database.

Audio Podcasts

Bell, T. & Phillips, T. (2008, May 6). A solar flare. *Science@NASA Podcast*. Podcast retrieved from <http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm>

Message Posted to a Newsgroup

Chalmers, D. (2000, November 17). Seeing with sound [Msg 1]. Message posted to <news://sci.psychology.consciousness>

Newspaper Article

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *New York Times*. Retrieved November 21, 2000, from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Online Books

Nesbit, E. (1908). *Ballads and lyrics of socialism*. London: Ashley. Retrieved April 26, 1997, from <http://www.indiana.edu/>

Online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

Feminism. (n.d.) In *Encyclopedia Britannica Online*. Retrieved March 16, 2008, from <http://www.britannica.com>

University or Private Organization Documents

Chou, L., & McClintock, R. (1993). *Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures*. Retrieved August 24, 2000,

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Canarie, Inc. (1997, September 27). *Towards a Canadian health IWAY: Vision,*

Opportunities and future steps. Retrieved November 8, 2000, from

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