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APA Referencing Style

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What is it?

Academic writing requires the author to support their arguments with reference to other published work or experimental results/findings. A reference system will perform three essential tasks:

- Enable you to acknowledge other authors ideas and thereby avoid plagiarism.
- Enable a reader to quickly locate the source of the material you refer to so they can consult it if they wish.
- Indicate to the reader the scope and depth of your research.

The American Psychological Association (APA) style is a widely used referencing system to help you achieve these objectives.

How do I use the Systems?

The APA style involves two tasks:

- How you refer to other authors in the body of your text (in text citation).
- How you compile a list of reference sources at the end of your text (reference list).

Below is a list of some common citation types along with examples of how they are laid out within the APA referencing style guidelines.

Notation guide

REF = reference list

ITC = in text citation

Book with one author

REF: Author Last name, Initials (Year). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Carson, N.R. (1998). *Psychology of behaviour*. London: Allyn & Bacon.

ITC:

- Author Last name (year, page no)

- (Author Last name, year, page no.)

Example:

- Carson (1998, p.54) argues
- Another approach (Carson, 1998, p.54) highlighted....

Book with more than one author

REF: Author Last name, Initials & second author Last name, Initials. (Year). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Hogg, M.A. & Vaughan G.M. (2008). *Social psychology*. Harlow: Prentice Hall.

ITC:

- (First author Last name and second author Last name, year, page no)
- First author Last name and second author's Last name (year, page no)

Example:

- Hogg and Vaughan (2008, p.32) argue....
- As argued elsewhere (Hogg and Vaughan, 2008, p.32)....

N.B. If there are seven or more authors you may use the first author's Last name and et al. (e.g. Hogg et al., 1981) for an in text citation but you must list all authors in the reference list.

Book with a corporate author

REF: Name of corporate author (Year). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher

Example: Economic and Social Research Institute. (2008). *ESRI research strategy 2008-2013: research for a changing Ireland*. Dublin: ESRI.

ITC:

- Name of corporate author (year)
- (Name of corporate author, year)

Example

- Economic and Social Research Institute (2008) highlight research....

- Research (Economic and Social Research Institute, 2008) highlighting other trends....

Book with an Editor

REF: Editor(s) Last name, Initials (Ed.). (Year). *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Booth, D. (Ed.). (1994). *Rethinking social development: Theory, research and practice*. Essex: Longman.

ITC

- Editor(s) last name (year, page no)
- (Editor(s) Last name, year, page no)

Example

- Among the proposals in Booth (1994)
- Others (Booth, 1994) also proposed...

Chapter in an edited book

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) Title of chapter. In authors Initials, Last name (Ed.), *Title of book* (pages of chapter). Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Beiner, R.A., (2000). Arendt and Nationalism. In D.A. Villa (Ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Hannah Arendt* (pp. 44- 64). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year, page no)
- (Author(s) Last name year, page no)

Example

- Villa (2000, p.46) argues....
- Another view (Villa, 2000, p.46) points out....

Print Journal article

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year). Article title. *Journal title*, volume number, page numbers.

Example: Eisenberg, N. (2000). Emotion, regulation and moral development. *Journal of Asian Studies*, 55, 51-80.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year, page no)
- (Author(s) Last name year, page no)

Example

- Eisenberg (2000, p.60) took a different approach
- Another approach (Eisenberg, 2000, p.60) shows

E-journal article

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year). Article title. [Electronic version] *Journal title*, Volume, Page numbers.

Example: Borsari, B., Carey, K. B. (2000) Effects of a Brief Motivational Intervention With College Student Drinkers. [Electronic version] *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 68 (4) 728-733.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year, page no)
- (Author(s) Last name year, page no)

Example

- Bosari and Carey (2000, p.730) show
- A different approach (Bosari and Carey, 2000, p.730) shows....

Print Newspaper article

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year Month Day of publication). Article title. *Newspaper title*, Volume and/or Issue number (if applicable), pp. page numbers.

Example: Dempsey, A. (2003, August 19). A shoulder to lean on in the lonely crowd: Feet on the street, a new project by the Samaritans. *The Irish Times*, pp. 11.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year)
- (Author(s) Last name, year)

Example

- Dempsey (2003) wrote that
- An article (Dempsey, 2003) appeared at the time....

Online Newspaper article

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year Month Day of publication). Article title.
Newspaper title. Retrieved from URL

Example: Kelly, M. (2010, May 22). Burden of Irish debt could yet eclipse that of Greece.
The Irish Times. Retrieved from
<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2010/0522/1224270888132.html>.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year)
- (Author(s) Last name, year)

Example

- Kelly (2010) wrote that....
- An article (Kelly, 2010) appeared at the time....

Website/ page on a website

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Date published if available; n.d.--no date-- if not).
Title of article. *Title of web site*. Retrieved date. From URL.

Example: Gambill, G (April 6th 2011). Assad's survival strategy. *Foreign Policy*. Retrieved April 18th, 2011, from
http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/04/06/assads_survival_strategy.

ITC

- Author(s) Last name (year)

- (Author(s) Last name, year)

Example

- Gambill (2011) argues....
- Another approach (Gambill, 2011) suggests....

Blogs

REF: Include the title of the message and the URL. Please note that titles for items in online communities (e.g. blogs, newsgroups, forums) are not italicized. If the author's name is not available, provide the screen name.

Example: J Dean. (2008, May 7). When the self emerges: Is that me in the mirror?

Retrieved from <http://www.spring.org.uk/the1sttransport>. (2004, September 26).

ITC

- Author(s) Last name (year)
- (Author(s) Last name, year)

Example:

- Dean (2008) showed that
- In another post (Dean, 2008) it was argued....

Interviews, email, and other personal communication

No personal communication is included in your reference list. Instead cite in the main text only:

- communicator's name
- phrase "personal communication,
- date of the communication.

Example: (P. Jones, personal communication, March 4, 2010).

Government agency or other organization publication

REF: Name of agency. (Year). *Title*. (Series information). Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Department of the Environment, Ireland. (1994). *Agricultural & Farm Development: The Planning Issues* (PL 6). Dublin: Department of the Environment.

ITC:

- Name of agency (year)
- (Name of agency, year)

Example

- According to the Department of Environment (1994)
- Official figures released (Department of Environment, 1994) show that...

Parliamentary and legal material

REF: Title, source and section number if applicable, (year of publication).

Example: Human Rights Commission Act, Government of Ireland, (2000).

ITC

- Name of the act (year)
- (Name of the act, year)

Example

- The Human Rights Commission Act (2000)
- Legislation (Human Rights Commission Act, 2000) covering the area....

EU publications

REF: European Union, Name of EU agency. (Year), *Title of publication*. Retrieved from/
Place of publication.

Example: European Union, European Commission for the Environment. (2009). *Adapting to climate change: Towards a European framework for action* (White Paper 52009DC0147).

Retrieved from <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52009DC0147:EN:NOT

ITC:

- Name of institution (year)
- (Name of institution, year)

Example

- European commission for the Environment statistics released at the time (2009)
- An EU white paper (European Commission for the Environment, 2009)....

Conferences

REF: Author(s) Last name, Initials (Year). Title of paper. In Editor(s) Initial, Last name (Ed.) *Title of conference proceedings* (Page numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

Example: Jones, M.K., (2010) Distance learning in Dublin. In M. Forrester (Ed.) *Proceedings of a One-Day International Conference Dealing with Distance Learning in Ireland* (pp. 210 - 258). Dublin: Collins Press.

ITC:

- Author(s) Last name (year)
- (Author(s) Last name, year)

Example

- Jones (2010) argued....
- Another participant (Jones, 2010) argued....

Theses

REF: Author Last name, Initials (Year). *Title of dissertation*. (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). Name of Institution, Location.

Example: Moore, N.A. (2001). *The Celtic Tiger and the Welsh Dragon: Urban Redevelopment in Dublin Docklands and Cardiff Bay, 1987-2000* (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University College Dublin, Dublin.

ITC

- Author Last name (year)
- (Author Last name, year)

Example

- Moore (2001) argues....
- Another approach (Moore, 2001) argues....

Audio-visual material

REF: Producer(s) Last name, Initials (Producer) & Director(s) Last name Initials. (Year)

Title [Motion picture]. Place of production: Production company.

Example: Bender, L.A. (Producer) & Tarantino, Q. A (Director). (1994). *Pulp fiction* [Motion picture]. United States: Miramax Films.

ITC: (Director's surname, year)

Example: In this film (Tarantino, 1994) he sought to....



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- Users can record, store and manage references in hundreds of citation styles.
- Users can add references manually or search and download directly from online databases and library catalogues.
- EndNote Cite While You Write features allows users to insert citations easily and creates bibliographies automatically in Microsoft Word

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¹ <http://www.ucd.ie/library/endnote>