

APA Citation Basics (Reference Citations)

General APA Citation Fundamentals:

Generally, APA citations require some or all of the following bibliographic data:

- Author
- Title
- Publication year
- Publication month and date
- Publisher
- City and state of publication
- Page or paragraph numbers.
- Book

When organizing your references, arrange citation entries in a reference list alphabetically by the author's last name. See the example below:

Barne, J.
Botting, F
Kalita, R.
Punter, D.
Wallace, J.

Multiple works by different authors with the same last name should be alphabetized by the author's first initial:

Smith, A.
Smith, B.

APA Examples of Popular Sources

Books:

Author, First Name. Middle Name. (Year of publication). *Book title: Subtitle*. City of publication: Publisher

(italics)

Example: Green, J. (2012). *The fault in our stars*. New York, NY: Dutton Books.

- Please note that we only capitalize the first letter of the first word of the book's title. We also capitalize the first letter of the first word of subtitles as well as any proper nouns (notice the capitalizations in red in the examples). Books' titles should be in italics as highlighted in the example above.
- If there is more than one author, arrange them in the same order as found in the source. Example: Last, F. M., Last, F. M., & Last, F. M.
- For sources with 7+ authors: list the first six authors and insert ellipses, then insert the last author listed in the source. For example: Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., ... Last, F. M.,

Ellipses

Chapter in a book:

Author, F.M (year of publication). Title of chapter. In F. M. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher.

Example: Baker, F. M., & Lightfoot, O. B. (1993). Psychiatric care of ethnic elders. In A. C. Gaw (Ed.), *Culture, ethnicity, and mental illness* (pp. 517-552). Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Press.

Journal Article:

When referencing journal articles, you are asked to keep the title of the article as it is after capitalizing the first letter of the first word and to italicize the title of the journal. Also, note that the volume is also italicized:

Author, F. M. (Publication year). Article title. *Periodical title*, *Volume*(Issue), pp-pp.

Lowrie, T., & Diezmann, C. M. (2009). National numeracy tests: A graphic tells a thousand words. *Australian Journal of Education*, 53(2), 141-158.

(Italics)

Note: if the journal you are using is an online journal add: “Retrieved from” and the URL of your journal article to your reference:

Example : Fallon, A., & Engel, C. (2008). Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. *The Practising Midwife*, 11(9), 1-27. Retrieved from <http://www.practisingmidwife.co.uk>

Website:

Author, F. M. (year). Article title. Retrieved from URL

Example: Atherton, J. (2005). Behaviour modification. Retrieved from http://www.learningandteaching.info/learning/behaviour_mod.htm

Note: if your quote is taken from a news website or a blog, you have to add **the month and day**.

Example of a Blogpost:

Reville, L. (2006, **September 5**). Where to find fundraising ideas. Retrieved from <http://nlrp.blogspot.com/>

Film:

Producer, F. M. (Producer), & Director, F.M (Director). (Release year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.

Stiller, B. (Producer) & Ayoade, R. (Director). (2011). *Submarine* [Motion picture]. United Kingdom: Film4 Productions.

Podcasts:

Host Surname, first initial. (Host). (Year, month day(of podcast)). *Title of podcast - italicised*, [Type of media]. Website. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxx>

Example: Vedantam, S. (Host). (2015-present). Hidden brain [Audio podcast]. NPR. <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510308/hidden-brain>

For an episode in a podcast follow the example below:

Atkin, M. (Host). (2008, November 13). Bermagui forest disputed turf [Audio podcast episode]. In *The hack half hour*. ABC. <https://www.abc.net.au/triplej/hack/notes/>

Thesis/dissertation:

Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Title of dissertation/thesis (doctoral dissertation or Master thesis)*. Retrieved from Name of database. Accession number

Knight, K. A. (2011). *Media epidemics: Viral structures in literature and new media* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from MLA International Bibliography database. (Accession No. 2013420395)

Online Lecture slides:

Author, F.M. (Publication year). *Name or title of lecture* [file format]. Retrieved from URL

Jacobson, T.E. & Mackey, T. (2013). *What's in a name?: Information literacy, metaliteracy, or transliteracy* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/tmackey/acrl-2013>