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LIBRARY GUIDE ***APA REFERENCE LIST***

This handout is designed to help you prepare a bibliography in the American Psychological Association publication style, commonly referred to as APA. The samples provided below are in the correct format for APA. For additional examples, refer to the APA Publication Manual, 5th ed. If you have questions about this handout or need assistance on a different style, please check with a reference librarian.

The bibliography refers to the listing of resources consulted in researching for a paper. In the APA style the heading for a bibliography is "References." The APA format begins the first line at the left margin, and then indents five spaces (or ½ inch) for additional lines in each entry. You should double space within an entry and double space between entries.

APA 5th ed. Style: Reference List

(Numbers refer to page numbers in the APA Manual, 5th ed.)

BASIC FORMS FOR ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Full-text journal article downloaded from an electronic database such as WilsonSelect Plus, InfoTrac, etc.

Example from
WilsonSelect Plus

Gaylor, E. E. (2001). Classification of young children’s sleep problems: A pilot study. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 40(1), 61-67. Retrieved September 19, 2002, from FirstSearch database (WilsonSelectPlus).

Example from InfoTrac

Licciardone, J. C. (2003). Outcomes of a federally funded program for alcohol and other drug prevention in higher education. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 29, 803+. Retrieved September 10, 2004, from Infotrac database (InfoTrac OneFile).

*****Note: APA does not specify how to cite items without the number of the final page. We suggest that students use a “+” next to the first page of the article. See the example above. (Other options would be: 1) to enclose the number of total pages in parenthesis after the initial page number. Example: 803 (5). 2) to begin at the first page, and count the total pages, resulting in a page range for the article. Example: 803-808. 3) to include only the number of the first page. Example: 803. Ask your professor about their preferred style.)**

Internet article based on a print source (if the article is an exact duplicate of the print version)

(Use the format for a print article, with the addition of “[Electronic version].” following the title of the article.)

Format (271) Author, A. A. (2003). Title of article [Electronic version]. Title of Periodical, xx, xxx-xxx.

Use this format if the Internet article is based on print source, but the format is different from the print version. The date the document was retrieved, and the URL must be included

Example (272) Brooks, D. (2003, March). Kicking the secularist habit. *The Atlantic Online*. Retrieved March 4, 2003, from <http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2003/brooks/htm>.

Article in an Internet-only Journal

Format Author, A. A. (year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, x, (x). Retrieved month, day, year, from <http://web address>

Example Fauske, J. R. (2002). Preparing school leaders: Understanding, experiencing and implementing collaboration. *International Electronic Journal for Leadership in Learning*, 6(6). Retrieved September 9, 2002, from <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~iej11>

Non-periodical document on the Internet

Format: Author, A. A. (Date of publication). *Title of work*. Retrieved month, day, year, from <http://web address>

Example: Ashliman, D. L. (2004). *Folklore and mythology electronic texts*. Retrieved October 7, 2004, from <http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html>

Part of a Non-periodical Internet Document

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. In *Title of larger document (chapter or section number)*. Retrieved month, day, year, from <http://Web address>

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- No Author (249) *Random House Webster's college dictionary.* (2nd ed.). (1997).
New York: Random House.
- One Author (223) Nathan, A. J. (1990). *China's crisis: Dilemmas of reform.* New
York: Columbia University Press.
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Press.
- Three to Six Authors
(240) Linn, M. T., Fabricant, S. M., & Linn, D. (1988). *Healing the
eight stages of life.* New York: Paulist Press.
- Corporate Author
(248-9, 251) American Hospital Association. (1988). *American Hospital
Association guide to the health care field.* Chicago:
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File.
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instruction* (2nd ed.). Cincinnati: Van Nostrand Reinhold
Company.
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House.

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- Signed or
Initialed Aspaturian, V. V. (1999). Armenia. In *Encyclopedia Americana*
(Vol. 2, pp. 330-335). Danbury, CT: Grolier.
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(Vol. 22, pp. 42-43). Danbury, CT: Grolier.

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article (signed) (241-2) Taylor, C. (2003, June 11). You can hack it. *Time*, 161, 85.

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(continuous paging
throughout volume)
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Journal article
(new paging
each issue) (240)

Martin, R. J. (1990). Business ethics: Who cares? *The Bulletin of the Association for Business Communication*, 53(2), 4-6.

For additional questions and examples, consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* or the *Writing Guidelines for College* (formerly called *Writing Guidelines for the Behavioral Sciences*) both available at the Reference Desk at SAU White Library.

DON'T GO AWAY EMPTY HANDED! If you are having trouble locating what you need, just ask for a reference librarian. We are here to help!

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