

Condensed APA Style (6th Ed.) Reference Sheet: **CITATIONS AND REFERENCES**

First Note: Direct quotations are highly frowned upon in APA style. **Always Paraphrase!**

In-text Citations

- Basic Rules:

Place the author and year of publication in parentheses at the end of the sentence

Ex1: Academically engaged students have a more positive perception of campus life (Jones & James, 1999).

OR place only the date in parentheses within the sentence

Ex2: Jones and James (1999) found that academically engaged students...

Note: Always use the ampersand symbol (&) when presenting multiple authors in a *parenthetical* citation (see Example 1 above), and in your References section.

- If a work has:

- **2 authors:** cite both names every time

- **3, 4, or 5 authors:** cite all authors the first time; subsequently, only cite the first author followed by “et al.” (*et alia* = “and others”)

- **6 or more authors:** cite only the first author followed by et al. for all citations

(Pg. 177 of the APA Manual (6th Ed.) has an excellent chart explaining these rules)

- If you cite the same source more than once *within the same paragraph*:

- You only need to cite the year in the first citation

- Example: “Kessler (2003) found...Kessler also found...”

- Note: You will need to cite the year again in any new paragraphs or sections.

- If you want to cite more than one source within the same sentence:

Order your citations alphabetically (by the **FIRST** author’s last names), and separate with a semi-colon.

Ex: “While some researchers suggest...others actually...(Jones & Thomas, 2001; Smith, 1999)”

- NOT according to the order in which you alluded to each article in your sentence, nor the years of publication.

- Never rearrange the order or authors within a work! (The order has a specific meaning related to the researchers’ roles and involvement during the study)

Reference Section

- Begins on a *new page* after the Discussion. Titled “References” (centered, not bold).
- Ordered *alphabetically* by FIRST authors’ last names. No numbers or bullet points.
- First line of each entry is NOT indented; subsequent lines are (easier to find citations).

1. ARTICLE IN JOURNAL

Author 1 Last Name, First Initial., Author 2 Last Name, First Initial., & Author 3 Last Name, First Initial. (Year Published). Title of article. *Journal Name*, *Volume Number*, Page numbers. doi:

EXAMPLES:

Jones, R., & Palmer, S. (1997). Campus satisfaction. *Psychological Bulletin*, *133*, 122-128. doi: 10.1146/annurev.ps.46.020195

Smith, A. (1987). Academics campus climate. *Psychological Bulletin*, *124*, 324-333. doi: 10.1037/1.528-35422

NOTE: References for articles retrieved from an online database require a digital object identifier (DOI) at the end of the reference. DOIs are frequently located on the first page of a journal article, or on the database landing page for that article.

2. BOOK

Author 1 Last name, First initial, Author 2 Last name, First initial, & Author 3 Last name, First initial. (date). *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher

EXAMPLE:

Arendt, H. (1977). *The life of the mind: Thinking*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

3. CHAPTER FROM A BOOK

Author 1 Last Name, First Initial., & Author 2 Last Name, First Initial. (Year Published). Title of chapter. In Editor1 First Initial. Last Name & Editor2 First Initial. Last Name (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.

EXAMPLE:

Smith, J., & Doe, J. (2010). Housing effects on campus climate. In J. Johnson (Ed.), *Effects on campus climate* (pp. 100-200). Los Angeles, CA: Western Psychological Services.

For any information not in this handout, please consult the APA Style Manual. If you feel compelled to go online, the following websites are known to have good information:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

<http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocAPA.html>

(In the case of discrepancies between any of these resources, the APA Style Manual takes precedence)