

Tulane University Department of Community Health Sciences APA Style Guide

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In Text (parenthetical) Citations

Essentially, there are three options:

1. Place the author(s) and date(s) within parentheses at an appropriate place within or at the end of a sentence:
Researchers have pointed out that breastfeeding provides superior nutrition to infant formula (Smith, 2000) and provides an opportunity for mother and infant bonding (Jones, 2002).
2. Place only the date within parentheses:
Smith (2002) pointed out that breastfeeding provides superior nutrition to infant formula.
3. Integrate both the author and date into your sentence:
In 2002, Smith pointed out that breastfeeding provides superior nutrition to infant formula.

Two or more authors

- Join two co-authors in the text with the word “and”. Within parentheses, join authors with an ampersand (&).
In 2001, Ross and Smith found that smoking is linked to lung cancer.
Smoking is linked to lung cancer (Ross & Smith, 2001).

No author

- Use the first two or three words of the title and capitalize each word of your shortened version. Place the short title in quotation marks if it is an article or chapter or underline it if it is a book or periodical. Substitute the short title for the name of the author.
Moderate daily exercise has many health benefits (“Daily Exercise”, 2005).

Multiple references

- Alphabetize multiple references within parentheses and separate author groups with a semicolon.
Prenatal care can significantly reduce risk of preterm delivery (Adams, 2000; Brown & Eggers, 2003; Jones, 2005; Smith 2006).

Website

- Include entire URL in-text.
The Tulane Department of Community Health Sciences website is an excellent source information for internship opportunities (<http://www.sph.tulane.edu/chs>).

Reference List Citations

- Always indent after the first line of each reference (hanging indent).
- References should be listed in alphabetical order by author.
- Capitalize only the first word of titles of books and articles and the first word after a colon.

Journal Articles

- One to six authors
Smith, A. (2006). Infant feeding choices. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 141, 3 – 15.
- Seven or more authors
Albert, A. B., Jones, K. L., Smith, Y. X., Williams, E. F., George, T. R., Roberts, T. S., et al. (2001). Moderate daily exercise and cardiovascular disease. *Journal of School Health*, 71, 101 – 104.
- Newspaper articles
Johns, A.K. (1999, September 1). Healthy living for healthy minds. *The Times-Picayune*, pp. A1, A9.

Books

- One author
Brown, K. (1999). *Race and gender in food choices*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Editors in place of authors
Jones, F., & Franklin, J. (Eds.). (2005) *Exploring healthier communities*. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins.
- Chapter in edited work
Williams, S.W. (2004). Smoking Cessation. In T. R. Roosevelt & B. Franklin (Eds.), *Behavior Change Theories: Case Study and Application*. (2nd ed., pp. 123 – 145). Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins.

Government Report

- From a printed report
National Institute of Mental Health. (2005). *Mental Health Priorities in Hurricane Impacted Areas* (NIH Publication No. 12 – 3456). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.
- Obtained online
U.S. Public Health Service. (1999). Opportunities for Public Health Leadership in the 21st Century. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved January 1, 2007, from <http://www.sturgeongeneral.gov/leadership.htm>

Electronic Sources

- Stand-alone document, no author identified, no date
GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/usersurveys/survey1997-10/>
- Article in an Internet-only newsletter
Glueckauf, R. L., Whitton, J., Baxter, J., Kain, J., Vogelgesang, S., Hudson, M., et al. (1998, July). Videocounseling for families of rural teens with epilepsy -- Project update. *Telehealth News*, 2(2). Retrieved from <http://www.telehealth.net/subscribe/newslettr4a.html>

Punctuation Guidelines

Commas: Use a comma

- Between surnames and initials
- Between newspaper title and p. or pp.
- Between journal title and volume number
- Between issue number and page numbers
- Between city of publication and state
- Before & and et al.

Periods: Use a period

- Between author(s) and date
- Between article title and journal title
- Between book chapter and book title
- Before retrieve/view statement for electronic resources
- At the end of each reference list item unless the item ends with a URL

For additional guidance

- Tulane Library Citation Guide
http://library.tulane.edu/research/citation_guide.php
- OWL at Purdue University
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resouce/560/01/>
- Ohio State University
<http://library.osu.edu/sites/guides/apagd.php>
- University of Wisconsin
<http://www.wisc.edu/writetest/Handbook/DocAPA.html>