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Official University of Huddersfield APA 7th guide
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American Psychological Association
APA 7th guidance
The APA provide online guidance at apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples

This is an introduction to the basic principles of APA 7th style of referencing which is used at the University of Huddersfield.

If you require more examples visit the web page for further help: library.hud.ac.uk/apareferencing
Introduction

Accurate and consistent referencing is essential throughout your work. Whenever you quote from, or use someone else's ideas, you should identify this in:

- the main body of your work (in-text citing).
- the alphabetical reference list at the end of your work.

You are advised to keep a note of any sources you use to inform the writing of your assignments.

In-text citations

Cite by giving both the author's surname (family name) and the year of publication in brackets.

Students who use library resources often get higher grades (Smith, 2009). If the author's surname is mentioned in the sentence, just put the year in brackets immediately after the name. Smith (2009) argues that students using library resources often get higher grades.

Page numbers must be included for direct quotations. It is argued that “libraries should...” (Smith, 2020, p. 26).

For 2 authors, always give the surnames of both authors.
(Singh & Partridge, 2015)
Singh & Partridge (2015) explore...

For 3 or more authors, cite only the family name of the first author followed by et al.
(Rowntree et al., 1999)
Rowntree et al. (1999) describe...

Organisations can also be authors.
(British Heart Foundation, 2020)

If there are no author details, cite the first few words of the title followed by the year. For formatting details refer to the referencing builders for the different resource types. They can be found at library.hud.ac.uk/apareferencing

If you cannot find the year, replace the year with (n.d.)
(Smith, n.d.)

Reference list

At the end of your work you need to include a list of all the sources that you have quoted or referred to in your assignment. This list should be in alphabetical order by author family name and include all authors' family names.

The following examples show how references should be formatted.

Books


If the book is edited include (Ed.). after the editor's name.

To reference a chapter in a book, reference both the chapter authors and the book itself.

Electronic books

Include the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) wherever possible.

For electronic books without a DOI include the web address from which it was retrieved.

Printed journals or newspaper article


For newspapers, give the date and the page number of the newspaper article.

Electronic journals or newspaper articles

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