

A short course is APA citation style

Introduction: For students who have successfully completed ENG 1050 /1060, you have been introduced to APA. If you don't remember, you could have missed that day or simply forgot. In any case, you'll find APA introduced within the textbooks adopted for ENG 1050/1060. If you completed your English requirement at a community college, you may or may not have been introduced to APA. Regardless of your background, you have to be competent in using APA in my courses. You have no choice. However, the good news is, APA is easy to learn. We will break APA down into two areas: 1) the Reference Page; and 2) the body of your paper.

The Reference Page: There are two ways to present the reference page: the hard way (time-consuming with many chances of error), or the easy way (usually flawless). I will introduce the easy way.

**Go to: <https://www.refme.com/us/citation-generator/apa/> **You are required to use this webpage.****

The body of your paper: There are two issues. What you should not do; and what you should do.

What you should not do in APA,

- **DO NOT** use first names, use only last names.
- **DO NOT** use titles like: Dr., Mr., Ph.D. etc.
- **DO NOT** include an author's background, employment or any mention of qualifications
- **DO NOT** the title of the publication the author has written.

What you should do.

When citing an author, use the author's (authors) last name(s); follow by the date of publication. Here are two examples\*:

Many introductory gerontology textbooks rely solely on psychological theories to explain elderly suicide trends (Hooyman & Kiyak 2011; McInnis-Dittrich 2009; Quadagno 2011). A typical representation of psychological

Above you see an example of cites listed inside parenthesis. Notice that a "&" is used rather than the word "and."

Here is an example of an APA citation outside of the parenthesis:

is no hope for positive change can lead to fatalistic suicide. Aliverdinia and Pridemore (2007) found that Iranian women who live in hyperregu-

If the citation is outside the parenthesis, use the word "and" rather than "&."

In APA, there is a special way of presenting quotes. The rules for quotes can be found at <http://www.marson-and-associates.com/syllabi/APAlong&short.pdf>.

Failure to follow the rules for quotes can get you in trouble for plagiarizing.

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\* These examples come from: Marson, S. M. and Powell, M.R. (2012). Suicide among the elderly: A Durkheimian proposal. *The International Journal of Ageing and Later Life*,6(1), 59-79.