Abstract

Citing with the American Psychological Association (APA) Manual can be a difficult endeavor. Many researchers have found learning the rules and mechanics frustrating and tedious. There are numerous guidelines and the APA manual covers them. However, due to the size and the specifics, students new to using APA may experience problems. Further, the trouble students and researches encounter is finding the correct way to match their resource with the citation component. The following presentation and handouts will attempt to lessen these concerns. The topics covered include basic, general guidelines for the paper, mechanics of font, paper size and margins, how to cite in the body of the text, what to include in the reference list and specific citation examples. Further, the presentation and handouts will direct the reader to which pages and chapters in the APA Style manual to utilize when writing their own research papers. After reviewing the material covered here, the reader should feel more confident utilizing APA style.

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