Citing Periodicals in APA Format

General Periodical Reference Form
[APA sec. 7.01, p. 198]


Notes:
- Use a hanging indent to list entries on the reference page.
- Double space and alphabetize all entries.
- Note that first names are not used (only initials are provided) and the ampersand (&) is used before the last author’s name rather than and.
- Leaving two spaces after ending punctuation marks is acceptable in the text of the paper, but use only one space after punctuation marks in references.
- Note: APA entries do not always have a period at the end.

Example Citations of Journal Articles:


Notes:
- The inclusive page numbers of the article follow the journal’s volume and issue number. The volume number (in this case 24) is italicized (as is the title); however, the issue number is not italicized. No space follows the colon after the abbreviation for Digital Object Identifier (doi). When necessary, the Writing Center, based on URL directions (APA, 2010, p. 192) and the example on p. 201, recommends breaking DOIs right before punctuation.
On the Reference page, “capitalize only the first word, the first word after a colon or em dash, and all proper nouns” (APA, 2010, p. 101). However, for titles of periodicals (journals, magazines, and newspapers), capitalize all major words (“conjunctions, articles, and short prepositions are not considered major words”) and “all words of four letters or more” (APA, 2010, p. 101). Periodical titles are also italicized (APA, 2010, p. 185).

The last example citation references an article found in the Social Sciences Full Text database; however, APA does not include database information in citations (APA, 2010, p. 192). When a DOI is not provided, APA expects you to find the home page URL of the original source (Social Theory and Practice). This journal’s home page URL (http://stp.philosophy.fsu.edu/) was found on Google (APA, 2010, p. 191-192). Often you can click on the journal’s name (hotlink) as it appears on the database’s landing page, and it will redirect you to the journal’s home page.

Example of a Magazine Article:

Note:
- In the citation above, notice that the names of months appear after the year of publication, within the parentheses. When available, it is appropriate to include this information in the reference entry. However, any corresponding in-text/parenthetical citation will not include the months.
  Examples: (Yong, 2012) or (Watt, 2018, p. 6)

Example Citation of a Newspaper Article:

Note:
- As mentioned previously, database information is not provided. To avoid nonworking URLs in the future, APA wants only the URL of the magazine’s or newspaper’s home page (APA, 2010, p. 201). Usually, you can just click on source title as it appears on the database’s landing page, and it will redirect you to the appropriate home page. If this does not work, you will need to search the internet for the home page URL.