

he Importance of Writing

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APA Style: 7th Edition Highlights

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For more information about the APA Style, 7th edition, visit the American Psychological Association, or Purdue Owl.

FORMAT:

- 1 space after periods (Section 6.1)
- In addition to *Times New Roman*, students can use *Arial 11*, *Calibri 11*, *Georgia 11*, and *Lucinda Sans Unicode 10* (**Section 2.19**)
- No running header for student papers (Section 2.2 2.3)
- Added information on title pages (Section 2.3):
 - Title
 - Student name
 - Institution
 - Course code
 - Professor's name
 - o Date

LANGUAGE:

- Guidelines have been included to ensure bias-free language when discussing age, disability, gender, race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, participation in research, socioeconomic status, and intersectionality. These guidelines include:
 - o Singular "they" and "their" can be used as singular pronouns (Section 5.5)
 - Descriptive phrases are preferred when describing groups of people, rather than adjectives as nouns (Section 5.4)
 - Exact age ranges should be used instead of broad categories (Section 5.3)
 - For example: Smith (2019) conducted a study on subjects who are of African descent and are between the ages of sixty to sixty-five years of age (p. 10).

IN-TEXT CITATIONS:

- Use "et al." for all sources that have 3 plus authors (Section 8.17)
 - o For example: Oguz et al. (2015) wrote that ... (p. 215).
- Rules for citing traditional knowledge and oral traditions of Indigenous Peoples (Section 8.9)

REFERENCES:

- Students can list up to 20 authors in reference citations (Section 10.1)
- Hyperlink the URL and doi (Section 9.34 9.35)
- Use link shorteners where helpful (Section 9.36)
 - o For example: Bit.ly, TinyURL
- References no longer require a preceding "Retrieved from" statement, unless a date of retrieval is needed
- The name of the website is included, unless this is the same as the author's name, and Web page titles are now italicized (Sections 9.34-9.36)
- Location (i.e. Toronto, ON) of the publisher is no longer included in book and reference works (**Section 10.2**)
- E-book publishers are included in reference citations; the format, platform, and device (i.e. Kobo or Kindle) are not required (Section 10.2)
- New reference examples for specialized sources like UpToDate, Cochrane, DSM (Section 10.1 10.2)

