

APA Style
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The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, Seventh Edition (APA; 2020) is the authoritative source of style guidelines. According to the APA Style website (<https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/>), because the scope of what constitutes a student paper is broad, flexible, and varies by course and academic institution, there are no formal requirements for APA Style student papers. Students should follow the guidelines of their instructor, advisor, department, and/or institution when writing papers. The APA Style team encourages instructors, departments, and institutions to adapt APA Style to fit their needs (APA, 2020, p. 10).

2019-2020 Academic Year

For the 2019-2020 academic year (Fall 2019 through Summer 2020), students may use APA (2010) 6th edition style. Resources are available under the Student Resources section of the Publications page of the course instructor's website (<http://drwilliamdoverspike.com/>). Students submitting to APA journals should submit manuscripts in APA (2020) 7th edition journal article reporting style.

2020-2021 Academic Year

For the 2020-2021 academic year (Fall 2020 through Summer 2021), students in masters and doctoral programs should use APA (2020) 7th edition style to ensure consistency in across courses in professional training programs. Professional Papers include abstract, keywords, running head, and headings. Some resources are listed below:

Resources

[Title Page – Student Paper](#)
[Abstract and Key Words Guide](#)
[Heading Levels – Student Paper](#)
[Heading Levels – Professional Paper](#)
[Quick Reference Guide – References](#)
[Sample Student Paper – With Annotations](#)
[Sample Student Paper – Without Annotations](#)
[Sample Professional Paper – With Annotations](#)
[Sample Professional Paper – Without Annotations](#)

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American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.