To use the APA style, create specific in-text (parenthetical) citations throughout your work (use columns 1b & 1c below) and a reference list at the end of your paper, arranged in alphabetical order by author, that provides full details about your cited sources (use column 1a below).

- **References list** entries (column 1a below) usually contain, in the following order:
  - Author/creator information (see the examples below for scenarios with multiple authors, etc.)
  - Date of publication
  - Title information (see the examples below for title variations)
  - Publication & retrieval information (e.g., place of publication, publisher name for books; volume and issue numbers for journal articles; a URL or DOI)

- **In-text citations** (columns 1b & 1c below) make abbreviated reference to the complete citations in your reference list. Column 1b is for the first time you cite a work in text, and column 1c is for any subsequent citations of the same work.
  - Include page numbers only where **specific pages** have been referred to or quoted, e.g. (Smith, 2011, p. 22). See APA section 6.19 for more information.

**About DOIs:** Wherever possible, to include DOIs for documents retrieved electronically. A DOI is a "digital object identifier." Each DOI (a string of letters and numbers) is unique and refers to a single article or other digital object, such as an electronic book. DOIs can most often be found on the first page of a journal article, or on the referring database’s page about the article.

If you cannot locate a DOI for a document retrieved electronically, APA asks you to include the home page URL of the journal or publisher. The APA Manual says, “you may need to do a quick web search to locate this URL” (192). Do not include the name of the database you used unless you cannot find the home page URL of the journal or publisher.

APA recommends using the following format for DOIs: [http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rmh0000008](http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rmh0000008). This format is also acceptable: [doi:10.1037/rmh0000008](doi:10.1037/rmh0000008). Whichever format you choose, make sure that you are consistent.

Your reference list should be **double-spaced, alphabetized, and indented**, like the examples below. See page 49 in the Manual for an example of a formatted reference list.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>1a. References</th>
<th>1b. First Citation</th>
<th>1c. Subsequent Citations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>In parenthetical format</strong> (Mousseau, 2003)</td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>Same as first</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Questions? Ask the Augustana Reference Team: [augustana.reference@ualberta.ca](mailto:augustana.reference@ualberta.ca)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>1a. References</th>
<th>1b. First Citation</th>
<th>1c. Subsequent Citations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| **Journal article** (2 authors)  
Retrieved electronically, with no DOI  
**With no DOI, provide the URL to the journal’s homepage** | **In your sentence** Hubball and West (2013) | Same as first |
| **Journal article** (3-5 authors)  
Retrieved in print, with no DOI  
| **Journal article** (6-7 authors)  
Retrieved electronically, with a DOI  
| **Journal article** (8 or more authors: list first six authors, then three ellipses, then last author’s name)  
Retrieved electronically, with a DOI  
| **Magazine article**  
**omit “Retrieved from http://...” statement if not retrieved online** | **In your sentence** Intini (2009) | Same as first |
| **Newspaper article**  
**add “Retrieved from http://...” statement if retrieved online** | **In your sentence** Hughes (2006, p. A20) | Same as first |
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>1a. References</th>
<th>1b. First Citation</th>
<th>1c. Subsequent Citations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>E-Book</strong>&lt;br&gt;(with group author)&lt;br&gt;With a DOI&lt;br&gt;(Refer to sec. 6.13 and 7.02, APA Manual, and p. 15-17, APA Style Guide to Electronic References)</td>
<td>American Psychological Association. (1985). <em>A hospital practice primer for psychologists</em>. <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/10081-000">http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/10081-000</a>&lt;br&gt;<strong>“With no DOI, provide URL to publisher’s homepage”</strong></td>
<td><strong>In your sentence</strong>&lt;br&gt;American Psychological Association (APA, 1985)</td>
<td>APA (1985, p.34)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Questions? Ask the Augustana Reference Team: augustana.reference@ualberta.ca**

Copyright © 2016, Augustana Campus Library, University of Alberta.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>1a. References</th>
<th>1b. First Citation</th>
<th>1c. Subsequent Citations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Canadian statute</td>
<td><em>Mental Health Act</em>, RSA 2000, c M-13.</td>
<td><em>In your sentence</em> <em>Mental Health Act</em> (2000)</td>
<td>Same as first</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Questions? Ask the Augustana Reference Team: [augustana.reference@ualberta.ca](mailto:augustana.reference@ualberta.ca)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>1a. References</th>
<th>1b. First Citation</th>
<th>1c. Subsequent Citations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Webpage with no date (no author)</td>
<td>Borderline personality disorder. (n.d.). Retrieved from <a href="http://www.palace.net/~llama/psych/bpd.html">http://www.palace.net/~llama/psych/bpd.html</a></td>
<td><strong>In your sentence</strong>&lt;br&gt;“Borderline Personality Disorder” (n.d., para. 4)</td>
<td>Same as first</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Personal Communications</td>
<td>APA states, “Because they do not provide recoverable data, <strong>personal communications are not included in the reference list</strong>. Cite personal communication in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as exact date as possible”. (APA, 2009, p. 179)</td>
<td><strong>In your sentence</strong>&lt;br&gt;J.T. Smith (personal communication, February 24, 2010) stated that government sponsored resources for the homeless in Alberta have deteriorated significantly since 2001.</td>
<td>Same as first</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Sample Reference List

References

http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/10081-000


Questions? Ask the Augustana Reference Team: augustana.reference@ualberta.ca

Copyright © 2016, Augustana Campus Library, University of Alberta.
Deciphering citations

The following was created to help make sense of the elements within a citation. This example is based on a journal article retrieved electronically, with a DOI.

Author
- Format for one author: Author, A. A.
- More than one author: same format, but add a comma after each author’s initials and add an ampersand (&) before the final author.


Date
- In parentheses, followed by a period

Article title
- Only capitalize first letter of title and subtitle, and any proper nouns
- Follow with a period

DOI
- If the article is electronic and has a DOI, include it
- Format: http://dx.doi.org/xxxxxxxx

Publication/Journal title
- In italics. Capitalize all key words
- Follow with a comma

Volume/Issue
- Volume in italics
- Issue in parentheses (only include issue number if each volume starts at p. 1)
- Follow with a comma

Page range
- Page numbers separated by a dash

Questions? Ask the Augustana Reference Team: augustana.reference@ualberta.ca

Copyright © 2016, Augustana Campus Library, University of Alberta.