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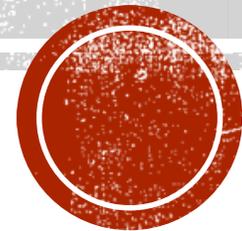
APA STYLE 7TH EDITION

Summary of Changes

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ROLLOUT TO CAMPUS - TIMELINE

- APA 7th edition print books – available from APA as of October 2019. FREE review copies available to faculty through APA website.
- APA Academic Writer (APA Style Central) anticipated rollout August 2020
- Writer's Reference rollout **unknown** at this time

- Anticipated campus rollout of APA 7th edition is **August 2020**
- Students should use APA 6th edition throughout AY2020 and switch to 7th edition in AY2021 (August 2020). If faculty require different timeline, please make librarian aware of this.
- Faculty may wish to switch earlier for research/publications with publishers already using 7th edition. Contact your librarian for any questions about updated style.



PAPER ELEMENTS AND FORMAT

- New *student* title page format (2.3, p30)
- More information for author note (2.7, p35-36)
- Running head: (2.8, p37)
 - Simplified for professional publications
 - NOT REQUIRED for student papers
- Updated heading levels (2.27, p47-48)
- Two new sample papers including *student* paper (p61-67)
- More flexible fonts allowed – not just Times New Roman 12 (2.19, p44)



WRITING STYLE & BIAS-FREE LANGUAGE

- More guidance to avoid anthropomorphism (4.11, p117)
- Updated and extensive bias-free language guidance for age, disability, gender, racial and ethnic, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and intersectionality (Chapter 5, p131-149)
- Grammar change to reduce bias: Singular “they” is endorsed (4.18 and 5.5, p120-121, p140)

*4.18 “Writers should always use the singular ‘they’ to refer to a person who uses ‘they’ as their pronoun. **Also use ‘they’ as a generic third-person singular pronoun to refer to a person whose gender is unknown or irrelevant...** Do not use ‘he’ or ‘she’ alone as a generic third-person pronoun. Use ‘he or she’... sparingly and ensure that these pronouns match the pronouns used by the people being described... Keep in mind that there are typically many possible ways to write a sentence. If the singular ‘they’ as a generic third-person pronoun seems awkward or distracting... rewrite the sentence” (p.120-121)*



MECHANICS OF STYLE

- Answers the age-old question: use only one space after a period. (6.1, p154)
- Expanded capitalization guidance (6.13-6.21, p165-169)
- Presentation of numbers (no exception for presenting numbers in the abstract) (6.32-6.39, p178-181)
- Greater flexibility for lettered, numbered and bulleted lists (6.49-6.52, p189-191)



TABLES AND FIGURES

- Expanded table and figure examples (Chapter 7, p196-250)
- Presentation of tables and figures is more flexible (7.4, 7.22, p197, p225)



IN TEXT CITATIONS

- All in-text citations for works with more than two authors are shortened to the name of the first author, plus “et al.” (8.17, p266)
- Allowed to omit year in repeated narrative citations within same paragraph (8.16, p265)
- New paraphrasing examples (8.23-8.24, p269-270)
- New guidance for formatting quotations from research participants (8.36, p278)



REFERENCE LIST

- Number of authors in reference entry is expanded to *up to 20 authors* (9.8, p286)
- Standardization of DOIs and URLs (9.35, p299)
- Updated guides for DOIs and URLs for works retrieved from library databases (9.30, 10.1.3, p296-297, p317)
- New guidance for annotated bibliographies (9.51, p307-308)
- Journal article references always include issue numbers when available (9.25, p294)
- Book references omit publisher location (9.29, p295)
- Expanded audiovisual section to include youtube, ppt, lecture notes, TED Talks, etc (10.12-10.14, p341-347)
- New categories for social media including blogs, webpages, etc (10.15-10.16, p348-352)



REFERENCE EXAMPLES - ARTICLES

- Journal article with DOI (website or library database)
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- AV and online section is expanded with many more examples such as:
film, TV, webinar, Youtube or streaming video, music album or song, podcast, artwork in museum, clip art, infographic, PPT, lecture, tweet, Facebook, blog, websites, etc.
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Author. (Date). *Webpage title*. URL



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