

AMA Style 11th Edition Guide

APSU Writing Center Handout

AMA General Guidelines (11th Edition)

List references in numerical order based on the order they appear in the text.

Double-space between reference entries.

Use single spacing within each reference (if required by instructor).

Italicize journal and book titles.

Use standard journal abbreviations (not full journal titles) as listed in the Index Medicus.

Use a DOI when available. If a DOI is included, do not include a URL or access date.

Authors

List up to 6 authors.

If there are more than 6 authors, list the first 3 followed by et al.

List authors in the order they appear in the publication (not alphabetically).

Format names as:

Last name followed by initials

No commas between initials

No periods between initials

Example: Smith AB, Jones CD, Taylor EF.

Article Titles

Capitalize only the first word and proper nouns.

Do not italicize article titles.

Journal titles should be italicized and use official abbreviations.

AMA In-Text Citations (11th Edition)

Citations must be included for any information that is quoted or paraphrased from a source.

Basic Rules

Use superscript Arabic numerals to cite sources.

Number citations in consecutive order based on when they first appear in the paper.

Place the citation number immediately after the fact, idea, or quotation being cited.

If you cite the same source again, reuse the original citation number.

Placement of Superscript Numbers

Place superscript numbers outside periods and commas.

Place superscript numbers inside colons and semicolons.

Examples:

As reported previously,^{1,3-8,19}

The derived data were as follows³⁻⁵:

Multiple Citations

- Use commas to separate nonconsecutive citation numbers.
- Use a hyphen (en dash) for consecutive numbers.

Example:

^{1,3-8,19}

Journal Formatting

Format: Author(s). Article title. *Journal Abbreviation*. Year;Volume(Issue):Page range. doi:

No space between year and volume.

Page numbers should be written in full (257-259, not 257-59).

Example:

Seagle HM, Strain GW, Makris A, Reeves RS. Position of the American Dietetic Association: weight management. *J Am Diet Assoc*. 2009;109(2):330-346.

Entire Book

Format: Author AA. *Title of Book*. Edition (if applicable). City, State: Publisher; Year.

Example:

Whitney E, Rolfes SR. *Understanding Nutrition*. 12th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; 2011.

Chapter in an Edited Book

Format: Author AA. Chapter title. In: Editor AA, ed. *Title of Book*. City, State: Publisher; Year:Page range.

Example:

Lakhan SE, Veira KF. Nutritional therapies for mental disorders. In: Coles L, ed. *Functional Foods: The Connection Between Nutrition, Health, and Food Science*. Toronto, ON: Apple Academic Press; 2014:91-108.

Electronic Books

Format: Author AA. *Title of Book*. City, State: Publisher; Year. URL. Accessed Month Day, Year.

Example:

Randall, C. *Water Economics*. Boston, MA: Publications; 2009. www.netlibrary.com. Accessed 12 November 2009.

Online Journal Articles (DOI)

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.);inclusive pages. DOI.

Example:

Kitajima TS, Kawashima SA, Watanabe Y. The conserved kinetochore proteins hug shin protects centromeric cohesion during meiosis. *Nature*. 2004;427(6974):510-517.
doi:10.1038/nature02312.

Online Journal Articles (URL)

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages. URL.
Published [date]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date].

Example:

Duchin JS. Can preparedness for biological terrorism save us from pertussis? *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2004;158(2):106-107. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/158/2/106>.
Accessed June 1, 2004.

Scholarly Journal Articles

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages.

Example:

Seagle HM, Strain GW, Makris A, Reeves RS. Position of the American Dietetic Association: weight management. *J Am Diet Assoc.* 2009;109(2):330-346.

Websites

Format: Author AA. Title of article. Name of website. Websiteurl. Access month date, year.

Example:

DeNoon DJ. FDA Panel Opposes New Type of Diabetes Drug. WebMD Web site.

<http://diabetes.webmd.com/news/20110719/fda-panel-9-6-no-vote-on-new-typediabetesdrug>.

Accessed August 19, 2011.

Online Image

Format: Creator AA. Title of image (if known). Name of website. Website. URL. Published date. Accessed date.

Example:

Jin, T. USDA Food Pyramid. Wikimedia Commons. Website.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:USDA_Food_Pyramid.gif. Published April 4, 2006.

Accessed March 19, 2018.

References

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St. Catherine University Libraries. (n.d.). *AMA citation style quick guide*. <https://libguides.stkate.edu/citationstyles/ama>