

APA Style 7th Guide – Citing Thesis and Dissertation

APSU Writing Center Handout

Citing Thesis or Dissertation

Basic Format: Author's Last name, First initial. Middle initial. (Year published). *Title of dissertation or thesis* (Publication No. #) [Type of Thesis/Dissertation, Name of Institution].

Database Name. URL

Instructions

Italicize the title of the dissertation or thesis.

Include the publication number only if provided by the database.

Put the type of work and institution in square brackets.

Do not include a period after the URL.

Examples

Kabir, J. M. (2016). *Factors influencing customer satisfaction at a fast-food hamburger chain:*

The relationship between customer satisfaction and customer loyalty (Publication No. 10169573) [Doctoral dissertation, Wilmington University]. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.

Chang, R. S. (2025). *The role of environmental sustainability practices in corporate decision-making* [Master's thesis, Stanford University]. Stanford Digital Repository.

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Garcia, M. J. (2024). *Investigating the effectiveness of mindfulness interventions for reducing burnout in healthcare professionals* (Publication No. 45562217) [Doctoral dissertation, University of Texas]. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.

In-Text Citations

Parenthetical Format: (Author Last Name, Year)

- **Example:** (Kabir, 2016)

Narrative Format: Author Last Name (Year)

- **Example:** Kabir (2016)

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