Writing with APA

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- Let your readers focus on the content of your paper, not the format
- Make your work easier to read, understand, and cite
- Improve your written communication skills
- Use a style that is widely accepted in Social Sciences and Business

A Note About Writing Style:
APA papers are written in the active voice. Avoid ambiguity and information not directly relevant to the topic. The same terminology should be used throughout the paper, as well as consistent verb tense. Example: “We conducted the survey in a controlled setting.” For more information, see the “Writing Clearly and Concisely” chapter from the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Elements of an APA-style Paper
1. Title Page
2. Abstract
3. Body of Paper
4. Reference List

Title Page

Page Header, also called a Running Head, left-justified. It is a shortened version of your paper title, no more than 50 characters and should always start with “Running head:” The title should always be in all caps.

Full title of your paper, followed by your name, then institutional affiliation, each in a separate line. These lines should be centered horizontally, and be placed on the top half of the page.

All text should be double-spaced, 12-pt. Times New Roman is the recommended font.

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