APA Style of Citation

- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.): REFERENCE DESK BF76.7.P83 2010 (In-library use only.)
- The *Basics of APA style* (http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx)

**Example of a Journal Article citation with a doi (digital object identifier):** See also *Publication Manual* pp. 198-202.

List each **Author** by last name followed by the first and second initials in the order presented in the article. Use an ampersand (&) prior to the final name when more than one author is listed. Note: See page 198 of the *APA Manual* for the case when there are more than seven authors.


The **Journal title** is italicized. Also, the first word of the title, the first word after a colon, and all major words are capitalized.

The **Volume** is italicized. Note: The issue number is only included in parentheses (and not italic) after the volume number when each issue within a volume starts with page 1.

The **Year**
Note: Do not include the month.

The **Article title**
Only the first word of the sentence, first word after a colon, and proper nouns are capitalized.

The **doi** (Digital Object Identifier) is often on the first page of an article or in the information provided by the database. Also, use the *Free DOI Lookup* (http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/).

If an article accessed online does not have a doi, include the phrase “Retrieved from” with the url of the journal web page on the publisher’s site.


**Example of in text citations for the article example** (paraphrasing): See also *Publication Manual* pp. 174-179.

The page number is also included when directly quoting a source. See pp. 170-171 for examples of in text citations of direct quotes.

As part of the sentence (first citation in the text):

Ballard, Mooney, and Dempsey (2013) found …

At the end of the sentence: (first citation in the text):

… as was seen in a recent study (Ballard, Mooney, & Dempsey, 2013).

Note: See the *Publication Manual* p. 177 chart “Basic Citation Styles” for how to format in text citations with different numbers of authors including when to use “et al.” instead of listing all the authors. Additionally, notice that for some cases, the first in text citation is different from the subsequent in text citations.