



# APA Style Formatting

## WHAT IS APA?

APA stands for the American Psychological Association. It is a writing and citation style commonly used in the social sciences, such as psychology, education, and sociology. APA style provides guidelines for formatting papers, citing sources, and writing clearly and concisely.

## GENERAL FORMAT

- Uses a readable font like 12- point Times New Roman, 11-point Calibri, 11-point Arial, and 11-point Georgia.
- Is Double-Spaced
- Has 1-inch margins on all sides.
- Uses in-text, parenthetical citations
- Has a reference page
- Has a cover page
- Has page numbers in the top right corner (no name in contrast to MLA)

## TITLE PAGE

- Center the paper's full title in bold in the upper half of the page.
- Skip one double-spaced line after the title.
- Center your full name (first, middle initial, last).
- Under your name, enter the department followed by the name of the college
- Under the college name, enter the course title and course number
- Under the course title, enter the professor's name
- Under the Professor's name enter the Assignment due date

### Example:

Title	Planets in Space
Your Name	Hannah Smith
Department, College	Humanities, Georgia
Name Course	Highlands College ENGL 1102
Professor's Name	Dr. Charger Highlands
Assignment Due Date	5 May 2025

## REFERENCE PAGE

- Start the reference page immediately after the main body of the paper.
- Center the word "References" at the top of the page (no bold, italics, or underlining).
- Begin each entry on the next line using hanging indentation (first line flush left, following lines indented).
- Alphabetize entries by the last name of the first author.
- Include only sources that are cited in the paper. **Do not** list uncited sources.