

WRITING CENTER

APA: In-Text Citations

One Author

Use the author's last name and year in the narrative of the text or in the parenthetical citation each time you cite.

Examples:

- James (2020)
- (James, 2020)

Two Authors

Use both authors' last names and year in the narrative of the text or in the parenthetical citation each time you cite. In the parenthetical citation, separate the names with an ampersand.

Examples:

- Bratton and Reily (2014)
- (Bratton & Reily, 2014)

Three or More Authors

Use only the first author's last name followed by "et al." in every in-text citation.

Examples:

- Smith et al. (2016)
- (Smith et al., 2016)

Organization as an Author

If the author is an organization or a government agency, use the organization's name as the author name.

Examples:

- World Health Organization (2000)
- (World Health Organization, 2000)

Unknown Author

If the author is unknown, use a shortened version of the title. Titles of books and reports are italicized; titles of articles, chapters, and web pages are in quotation marks.

Example:

- ("Fall Risks," 2020)

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Paraphrasing

If you are paraphrasing an idea or finding from a source, refer to the author and year of publication in your in-text citation (omit the page numbers).

Examples:

- According to Babcock (2019), fall risks increase with age.
- Fall risks have been found to increase with age (Babcock, 2019).

Direct Quotes

If you are directly quoting from a source, include the author, year of publication, and page number.

Examples:

- According to Babcock (2019), "as patients' age increased, so did their risk of falling" (p. 199).
- Research has shown that "as patients' age increased, so did their risk of falling" (Babcock, 2019, p. 199).

Long Quotations

For direct quotes 40 words or longer, use the block quote format. Start the quotation on a new line, with the entire quote indented 1/2 inch from the left margin, and no quotation marks. The in-text citation goes after the period.

Example:

One such study found the following:

As a result of the findings of this study, we offer a set of specific principles that we posit should drive curriculum and instruction for postsecondary developmental integrated reading and writing in community college contexts. These principles are not intended to be interpreted as prescriptive, but rather as descriptive of the wealth of a great deal of existing scholarship regarding integrated reading and writing that is too often overlooked in curriculum-development, particularly with textbook curricula. (Armstrong et al., 2019, p. 1).

No Page Number or Date

For sources without page numbers, use paragraph numbers, chapter numbers, section numbers, or another logical means of helping the reader to locate the text.

Example:

- Armstrong et al. (2019) "offer a set of specific principles" (para. 1).

For sources where the date is unknown, use n.d. Do not use the copyright date in the footer of a website.

Example:

- Armstrong et al. (n.d.) "offer a set of specific principles" (p. 1).