

# Wayland Multidisciplinary Writing Center

## APA References

### Specific Guidelines

*Books, scholarly journal articles, and websites are the most common sources referenced in academic papers. Below are the basic rules for citing those sources in your reference list. All entries should be double-spaced, but you should not skip spaces between entries. Entries should appear in alphabetical order according to the author's last name.*

- All entries should be left aligned and should have a 0.5 hanging indent on any subsequent lines.
- An author's name should appear in the following format: Last name, First name.
- Entries should be alphabetized according to the last name of the first listed author of each work.
- Always present the full name of any academic journals you cite, and make sure all important words in the title are capitalized.
- When you cite books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, the first word after a colon or a dash in the title, and proper nouns. You should *not* capitalize the first letter of the second word in a hyphenated compound word.
- Longer works such as books and journals should be italicized.

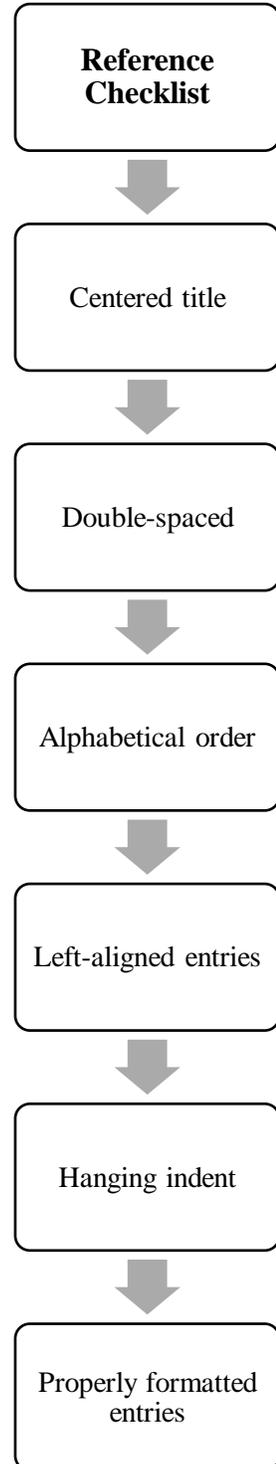
### Reference Examples

#### Book:

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Subtitle*. City, State (abbreviate state name with two uppercase letters): Publisher.

#### Website:

Author, A. (date). Title of document [Format description]. Retrieved from <http://websiteaddress.com>.



Journal Article from a Database:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number), page range. Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com>.

Citing a Work by Two Authors:

Zhang, X. & Liu, X. (2012) How responsive are Chinese exports to exchange rate changes? Evidence from firm-level data. *Journal of Development Studies*, 48, 1489–1504.

Citing a Work by Three to Seven Authors:

Moriss, A. P., Bogart, W.T., Meiners, R.E., & Dorchak, A. (2011). *The false promise of green energy*. Washington, DC: Cato Institute.

Citing a Work with an Organization as the Author:

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5th ed., text rev.). Washington, DC

Citing Two Works by the Same Author Published in the Same Year:

Smith, J. (2012a). Effects of sleep deprivation in children and adolescents. *Psychology Quarterly*, 20(1), 308-316.

Smith, J. (2012b). Sleep pattern changes in adolescents. *Psychology Quarterly*, 22, 221-245.

Citing a Work with No Author:

*Dictionary of American history* (3rd ed.). (2003). New York, NY: Thomson-Gale.