TYPE OF REFERENCES FREQUENTLY REFERENCED
Guidelines for ELR 888

Note: You NEED a current APA Manual (6th edition) to survive!!!!

1. Abstract vs. Full Text article reference distinction

APA manual (Ex. #16 & 17 p.202) demonstrates how to reference when you have only retrieved/read an abstract vs. the full article. When you have not read the article, clearly indicate you used the abstract by using the appropriate format noted in these examples.

2. Document/Material available ONLY from database

Include the database name and accession number (APA Ex. 16b, 17, 40, 41, 62)

3. Journal article retrieved online with no DOI available:

APA manual p. 199 indicates you give full journal article reference and then add “Retrieved from …URL of the journal home page. (this is usually provided on the database record page) If not, you need to do a quick search (Google) to locate the journal publisher URL to include.

In ELR 888 we will use the term “Available from” to precede the journal home page URL AND you will supply the “Retrieved from” information as well as in the example below.


Note, you do NOT put a period at the end of a URL. Why not use the “permalink”? Sometimes it is copied incorrectly and it may only work at DSU. Use of database information will allow anyone with database access anywhere a better chance to locate the entry. To bring this reference in line with current APA if required for publication you would simply delete the entire statement “Retrieved from…”) and change “Available” to “Retrieved” (even though that is not where you really retrieved it!)

4. Dissertations (Section 7.05)

References for dissertations vary based on whether they are published or unpublished and how they were obtained. Templates provided at bottom of page 207 and examples 40, 41 and 43 p. 208 will be the most commonly encountered.

5. Papers presented at conferences and symposia (Section 7.04)
Templates for papers/presentations not formally published are provided. Note differences in how date of the source and title is formatted. Also for abstracts located online and published proceedings, see examples 37, 38, or 39.

6. Technical/Research Reports (Section 7.03)

Read this section carefully. It covers papers/reports obtained from corporate or governmental sources (or websites) that are very frequently used as sources. Note format for title.

7. Journal article with DOI

Use of the DOI is preferred in references and is becoming more common. Look for DOI/doi on the database record page AND/OR on the first page of the article.

In ELR 888 we will also add retrieval information to the reference:


doi:xx.xxxxxxxx Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database. (Accession No. 654321)

Note you do not put a period at the end of the doi number but space twice to separate end of doi from added retrieval information. To bring the above reference into compliance with current APA (6th ed.) you would simply delete the statement beginning with “Retrieved from…and Accession Number.

THERE ARE MANY, MANY MORE TYPES OF SOURCES YOU MAY NEED TO REFERENCE! THE ABOVE ARE JUST SOME “COMMON” ONES”. In general, pay attention to your source (Ask yourself: Is it a book? a journal article? a report? a paper?) and locate that section in APA Manual to assist you in getting all of the information you will need to cite/reference it correctly. The more you do it, the better you will get at it!

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE:


(Don’t you love a chart?!?) But, remember…I am requiring some modifications!

Website: http://www.apastyle.org