



Sam Houston Writing Center 

## American Sociological Association Citations

Below are some examples of citation styles for various sources. For complete information on citing sources in ASA style, see the *ASA Style Guide*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. A copy of this manual can be found in the Writing Center.

- The reference list follows the text and footnotes in a separate section headed “References.”
- References should be double spaced like your text and alphabetized by author’s last name.
- Use hanging indentation for more than one line in a reference entry.
- A “p.” is used in the page number designation.
- If multiple pages are involved use “pp.” Use “pp” when the pages are non-consecutive “pp. A2, A12.”
- Capitalize the “P” when it begins a sentence or a segment in that is punctuated as a sentence. In the reference list, if the punctuation mark preceding the p is a period, use a capital. If no date is available, use “N.d.” in place of the date when required.
- Citations in the text include the last names of the authors and year of publication and the page number.
- Include page numbers when you quote directly from a work or refer to specific passages.
- If a work has three authors, cite all three last names in the first citation in the text; use “et al.” after the first last name in subsequent citations.
- Block quotations are done in a smaller font and are set off in a separate, indented paragraph without quotation marks and the page number on the end.

### Example of in-text citation:

Wright and Jacobs (1994) found that “the variation in men’s earnings ... flight from feminizing occupations” (p. 531).

**Or**

One study found that “the variation in men’s earnings relative to their peers in the labor....occupations” (Wright and Jacobs 1994:532).

### Books

Berlin, Thomas and Andrew Sum. 1988. *Toward a More Perfect Union: Basic Skills, Poor Families, and Our Economic Future*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. New York: Ford Foundation.

Mason, Karen O. 1974. *Women’s Labor Force Participation and Fertility*. Research Triangle Park, NC: National Institutes of Health.

- For editions of books place the edition number after the title of the book.
- For books with multiple volumes, place the volume number after the title of the book.
- For edited volumes, place “ed.” after the author’s name and before the date.

### **Articles from Collected Works**

Clausen, John A. 1972. “The Life Course of Individuals.” Pp. 457-514 in *Aging and Society*, vol. 3, *A Sociology of Age Stratification*, edited by M. W. Riley, M. Johnson, and A. Foner. New York: Russell Sage.

### **Articles from Journals**

Goodman, Leo A. 1947. “The Analysis of Systems of Qualitative Variables.” *American Journal of Sociology* 79:1179-1259.

In most cases, journal pages are numbered consecutively within a volume year. In these cases, you can omit the issue number. Include the issue number (or month) only when it is needed to distinguish one issue from another within a volume year (i.e., when each issue in a volume begins with page number 1).

### **Government Documents**

U.S. Congress. 1950. House Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power of the Committee on the Judiciary. *Study of Monopoly Power: Hearing*. 81<sup>st</sup> Cong., 2d sess., p. 788-91.

### **Electronic Sources**

#### ***An on-line journal article:***

Jacobson, John W., Jane A. Mulick, and Anne A. Schwartz. 1995. “A History of Facilitated Communication: Science, Pseudoscience, and Anti-science.” *American Psychologist* 50:750-65. Retrieved January 25, 1996 (<http://www.apa.org/journals/jacobson.html>).

#### ***A newspaper article:***

Goldstein, Amy. 1997. “Dying Patients’ Care Varies Widely by Place, Study Says.” *Washington Post*, October 15, p. A1. Retrieved October 15, 1997 (<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/WPlate/1997-10/15/0661-101597-idx.html>).

#### ***An abstract:***

Swidler, Ann and Jorge Ardití. 1994. “The New Sociology of Knowledge” (Abstract). *Annual Review of Sociology* 20:305-29. Retrieved October 15, 1997 (<http://www.annurev.org/series/sociology/Vol20/so20abst.htm>).