CITATION INTEGRATION

Get ideas for integrating citations with sophistication and efficiency.

Now that you've done your research, it's time to cite your sources. We sampled several academic papers to show you a variety of ways you can integrate sources into your own writing. In our examples, we demonstrate different ways you might cite within the style guidelines of APA. Use these strategies to diversify your citation methods and show your readers how your sources contributed to your work!

Making a claim without a quote:

Claim (Citation).

Ex. Some view cities as the storehouse of culture and creativity, and propose that urbanization is a consequence of the attractiveness of these social benefits (Mumford, 1961).

Make a claim that is supported by two or more sources:

Claim (Citation 1; Citation 2).

Reviews of this literature concede difficulty in making direct comparisons of emission levels across different sets of analysis (Bader & Bleischwitz, 2009; Kennedy et al., 2009; Ramaswami et al., 2012).

Make a claim that has been supported in multiple contexts:

Context 1 (Citation),

Context 2 (Citation),

Context 3 (Citation).

Ex. These results are supported by more recent research on transportation energy consumption (Liddle, 2014), electricity consumption in buildings (Lariviere & Lafrance, 1999), and overall urban GHG emissions (Marcotullio et al., 2013).

Quote important or unique terms:

Claim "Term" (Citation).

Ex. The spatial implications of this thinking are manifest in the "concentric ring model" of urban expansion and its variants (Harris & Ullman, 1945).

Use a direct quotation:

Introduce quote: "Quotation." (Citation)

Ex. Following this review, we adopted the following definition of personcentered maternity care: "Providing maternity care that is respectful and responsive to individual women and their families' preferences, needs, and values, and ensuring that their values guide all clinical decisions," a definition from the Institute of Medicine (Institute of Medicine, 2001).

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Find a Source:

Find a few pieces of information from your sources that you would like to integrate your writing.
 Ex. "laptop note takers' tendency to transcribe lectures verbatim...is detrimental to learning." (Oppenheimer, 2014)

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Heads Up:

How authors integrate sources into their writing varies from field to field. Make sure that you understand which citation style is most commonly used in your discipline! Are you writing for Geology or Microbiology, Musicology or History? For example, Humanities articles tend to use direct quotations to integrate their sources, whereas science-based academic papers do not.

Also consider whether you are reading or writing in MLA, APA, Chicago, or another type of citation style. For more information on identifying citation styles, check out the UCLA Library's citing sources guide: http://guides.library.ucla.edu/citing/styles

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