

Orbital Mechanics Style Guide

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References

For grammar and style, check APA Style Guide, 7th edition

For spelling, refer to Merriam-Webster, 11th edition

Headings

- Chapter headings are to use the “Heading 1” style, indented to the left, and capitalized.
- Section headings are to use the “Heading 3” style, indented to the left, and capitalized.
- Subheadings are to use the “Paragraph” style, indented to left, and capitalized.

Images

- APA format for image caption: *Figure number*: Title of the image (Source: author/creator, date, page number if appropriate).
 - Reference: *Figure 1*: The starry night (Source: Vincent van Gogh, 1889).
- APA format for image caption (owned): *Figure number*: Title of the image.
 - Reference: *Figure 1*: The starry night.
- APA format for image citation: Last name, Initials. (Year). *Image title* [Format]. Site Name. or Museum, Location. URL
 - Reference: van Gogh, V. (1889). *The starry night* [Painting]. Museum of Modern Art, New York City, NY, United States.
<https://www.moma.org/collection/works/79802>
- APA format for image in-text citation: (author/creator’s last name, publication year, page number if appropriate)
 - Reference: (van Gogh, 1889)

Videos

- APA format for video caption: *Video number*: Title of the video (Source: author/creator, date, timestamp if appropriate).
 - Reference: *Video 1*: Course Introduction (Source: YouTube, 2010)

- APA format for video caption (owned): *Video number*: Title of the video.
 - Reference: *Video 1*: Course Overview.

Spacing

- Only one space after every sentence and not two.

Numbers

- Spell out numbers from 0-10.
- Any numbers above 10 are not spelled out.

Commas

- Always include a comma before which

Emphasizing

Italics

- Use italics, or Commas (for acronyms), not quotation marks.

Bold

- Don't bold any new words or un-bold any words that are already bold.

Acronyms

- Add commas instead of parenthesis for acronyms.

Capitalization

- Don't capitalize the word "chapter" unless it is part of the title of a specific chapter or when it's used in a heading or title.

Correct: For more information, refer to chapter 5.

Correct: I found the answers in Chapter 5: The Atmosphere.

- "Earth" does not need to be capitalized when the word "the" is in front of it.

Spelling

- Recon
 - Instead of "war-era"
- Co-planar
 - Instead of coplanar

- Traveling
 - Instead of travelling
- Simple plane change
 - Instead of simple plane change
- Circular to circular
 - Instead of circular-to-circular
- Worldwide
 - Instead of world-wide
- Ephemeris
 - Instead of ephermeris
- Perihelion
 - Instead of perihelium