

CITATION GUIDE

This document serves as a quick reference for how you should cite your sources in both APA and MLA format. Note that I will only cover the “most-likely-to-be-used” cases here. For more specific types of references within each citation and format style, I encourage you to visit the relevant Purdue OWL pages below:

- [APA](#)
- [MLA](#)

APA:

APA stands for “American Psychological Association”. APA style is the standard formatting style for most social sciences, many STEM-related fields, and business-related papers. We will use APA-style references for this course. Some examples of APA citations include:

In-text, one author:

Subject: “Starr (2023) found that...”

Reference: “It was found that... (Starr, 2023)”

In-text, two authors:

Subject: “Nappa & Starr (2023) found that...”

Reference: “It was found that... (Nappa & Starr, 2023)”

In-text, three or more authors:

Subject: “Nappa et al. (2023) found that...”

Reference: “It was found that... (Nappa et al., 2023)”

In-text, unknown authors:

Subject: “Fake Citations” (2023) found that...”

Reference: “It was found that... (“Fake Citations”, 2023)”

In-text, multiple works:

Subject: “Starr (2023) and Nappa (2023) found that...”

Reference: “It was found that... (Starr, 2023; Nappa, 2023).”

References section:

Starr, J.R. & Nappa, S. (2023). Fake citations. *An Even Faker Journal*, 100(1), 1-100.

Troll, I. (2023). A guide to fake citations. <https://www.fake.com/article>.

MLA:

MLA stands for “Modern Language Association”¹ and is the standard formatting style for most humanities and humanities-adjacent fields. Some examples of the MLA-variants of the APA citations above are:

In-text, one author:

Subject: “Starr found that... (15)”

Reference: “It was found that... (Starr 15)”

In-text, two authors:

Subject: “Nappa and Starr found that... (15)”

Reference: “It was found that... (Nappa and Starr 15)”

In-text, three or more authors:

Subject: “Nappa et al. found that... (15)”

Reference: “It was found that... (Nappa et al. 15)”

¹ Note that linguistics primarily uses APA citation; funny how these things turn out!

In-text, unknown authors:

Subject: “Fake Citations” found that... (15)”

Reference: “It was found that... (“Fake Citations” 15)

In-text, multiple works:

Subject: “Starr found that... and Nappa found that... (6; 15)”

Reference: “It was found that... (Starr 6; Nappa 15).”

References section:

Starr, John Robert and Serena Nappa. “Fake Citations.” *An Even Faker Journal*, vol. 100, no. 1, 2023, pp. 1-100.

Troll, Internet. “A Guide to Fake Citations.” 2023.

<https://www.fake.com/article>. Accessed 20 September 2023.