

STETSON UNIVERSITY

Writing Center Handouts

ASA (American Sociological Association) Style

The American Sociology Association Style is commonly used for citations in sociology.

General Guidelines

- Double-space typed papers, using 12 pt. font. Margins should be 1.25" on all sides unless specified by the professor.
- Title pages should have a full title, authors' names (including institutions), and a complete word count of the document.
- If including an abstract, it should be one paragraph between 150–200 words in length and include key words.

In-Text Citations

- Cited material that is directly quoted requires citations that include author, year, and page number. In the citation, the page number follows the year after a colon (there are not spaces between year, colon, and page).
 - Ex: According to this handout, "When research is quoted in an ASA style paper, that material must include proper citation" (Author 2017:1).
- Not directly quoted material just needs the author and the year.
- When citing works that do not have authors (individuals or organization), use the full title in the text or a shortened one/two-worded title in the parenthetical citation.
- For research conducted by 2 authors, name both authors separated by "and" in the text and parenthetical citation.
 - Ex: (Author and Writer 2017)
- et al. – use for citing research involving 4 or more authors; and, subsequent mentions of 3 authors.
 - Ex: (Author et al. 2017)

References Page

- Order entries alphabetically and center "REFERENCES" at the top of the page; indent the second and following lines.
- Examples:
 - Books - Last, First, and Second Author. Year. Title in Title Caps. City: Publisher.
 - Journal - Last, First, and Second Author. Year. "Titles Are Written in Title Case." Journal Name in Title Case volume:page-page. [or volume (issues) :page–page]
 - e-Journal – Last, First, and Second Author. Year. "Title." Article, volume (issue), page–page. doi#.
 - Web page – Author or Organization. Year. "Webpage or Article Title." Retrieved Jan. 1, 2017 (http://url.com).