

APA Reference Guide: Periodical Sources

Basic Format for Periodical References

APA style follows this structure for periodicals:

Author's last name, initials. (Year). Title of the article in sentence case. Title of the Periodical in title case, volume number(issue number), page range. DOI or URL (if available).

Article in a Print Journal

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the article. Title of Journal, volume(issue), page range.

Example:

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(3), 5–13.

Note: If a DOI is available, include it—even for print sources.

Article in an Electronic Journal

Format:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. Title of Journal, volume(issue), page range. DOI or stable URL

Examples:

Baniya, S., & Weech, S. (2019). Data and experience design: Negotiating community-oriented digital research with service-learning. *Purdue Journal of Service-Learning and International Engagement*, 6(1), 11–16. <https://doi.org/10.5703/1288284316979>

Denny, H., Nordlof, J., & Salem, L. (2018). "Tell me exactly what it was that I was doing that was so bad": Understanding the needs and expectations of working-class students in writing centers. *Writing Center Journal*, 37(1), 67–98.
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/26537363>

Note: Prefer DOIs or stable URLs over browser URLs.

Article in a Magazine

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month). Title of the article. Title of Magazine, volume(issue), page range.

Example:

Peterzell, J. (1990, April). Better late than never. *Time*, 135(17), 20–21.

Article in a Newspaper

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of the article. Newspaper Title, page range.

Example:

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. The Country Today, 1A, 2A.

Review

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of review [Review of the book Title of book, by B. B. Author]. Periodical Title, volume(issue), page range.

Example:

Baumeister, R. F. (1993). Exposing the self-knowledge myth [Review of the book The self-knower: A hero under control, by R. A. Wicklund & M. Eckert]. Contemporary Psychology, 38(5), 466–467.