

PSY 210 M 6:00-9:05 pm
Term paper requirements

Write to someone who has no knowledge of your topic.
Introduction: What is your topic? What will your paper cover?
Body: Cover what your introduction says you're going to cover.
Conclusion: Wrap it up. Review your major points.

Each student is required to write a term paper for this course.

The paper must be a **minimum of 5 pages long**, NOT including a title page and a reference page.

The paper should not be longer than 10 pages long. → cite in APA format.

When writing psychology papers, APA format is the preferred and often required format. You should begin to become somewhat familiar with the basics of APA formatting. The reference and citation requirements for this paper follow APA formatting.

You need to have a separate title page and a separate reference page.

You need to reference the text book **plus at least one other source** (a journal article or a book, **not Wikipedia** or other website) (see example). You don't have to reference the text books.
EBSCO host click on PHUSC articles to reference the text books.

Your paper should be double spaced and typed on plain, white paper. Please do not use fonts larger than 12. Papers will be graded on content as well as mechanics, so proofread.

You may choose one of the topics provided, or you may choose your own topic. If you are choosing your own topic, you must tell me what it is by 3/7/11.

Your paper must be handed in to me on or before 3/21/11. **No late papers will be accepted; there will be no exceptions made.** Do not email your paper, you must hand in a hard copy.

The following topics are for your consideration:

The teratogenic effects of alcohol on the developing embryo/fetus during pregnancy, and the manifestations of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

A review of Piaget's theory of cognitive development, including stages and related tasks which signal movement to the next cognitive stage, including more recent criticisms

Attachment theory, including the landmark work done by Mary Ainsworth

A review of Erickson's theory of psychosocial development, including the

various conflicts associated with each of his 8 stages

Kohlberg's theory of moral development

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross' theory of death and dying

Example of references:

This is how you would format the reference for our text book on your reference page in your paper:

→ This is the book reference
References

* Feldman, R.S. (2008). Development across the lifespan (5th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education.

If you reference another book as your second source, simply plug in the correct information for your book. First is the author(s) name(s), then the year of publication, then the book title. After that is the city and state of publication, followed by a colon, followed by the publisher's name. The title of the book is not italicized.

This is how you would reference a journal article on your reference page in your paper:

Bonny, A., Britto, M., Klosterman, B., & Hornung, R. (2000). School disconnectedness: Identifying adolescents at risk. *Pediatrics* (5), 1017-1021.

For your article, simply plug in the corresponding information. First is the author(s) name(s), then the year of publication, then the article title, then the journal name and volume number, then the page numbers. The year is in parentheses and the name of the journal is italicized.

NOTE: *You do not use first names in either references or citations, only last names and first initials.*

The first line in your reference is flush left and the following lines are indented five spaces. For the next reference, it begins flush left again.

References are put in alphabetical order, according to the first author's name. For example, the journal article referenced above would come before the text book if you were using these two sources.

If you need to see an example of what APA format looks like in a reference or a citation, simply open your textbook or any other psychology text book. There will

be citations on every page, and a reference section at the back filled with book and journal references.

If you have Microsoft Word 2007, I believe you can have it format the reference for you in APA format.

Example of citations:

When you are writing your paper, you will take information directly from the text book and from your other source. When you put this information into your paper, you will need to cite it, so the reader knows where that information came from. Then, they can look at your reference list for the author's name and find that source if they wanted to.

Citing your sources also helps you avoid problems with plagiarism, because it allows you to give credit to the correct author and doesn't look as if you are claiming credit for someone else's work.

For example, if I was writing about discontinuous vs. continuous theories of development and using the text book as my source:

Different developmental ^{theories} sometimes have differing views on whether or not the nature of change seen in lifespan development is discontinuous or continuous. Discontinuous theories view change as occurring in distinct stages, while continuous theories view change as being gradual, with achievements at one level building on those of previous levels (Feldman, 2008).

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The citation consists of the author(s) last name(s), followed by the year of publication, in parentheses. If someone was reading my paper, and wanted to know more about this topic, they could see the author's names and go to my reference page, find those authors in my reference list, and be able to find the book for themselves.

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