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## Prof. Fudge's APA 7th edition Paper Formatting Example

and writing mini-guide

The paper title in the header must be capitalized. Write a *descriptive* title; do *not* place the course number, unit number, or your name in the header.

Place the header in the default location, which is approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the page.

The title page is page 1.

Note: The words "Running head" no longer appears with the title in the header. Student papers might not require the title in the header at all, but graduate level courses likely will (and it is necessary for professional journal submissions).

Begin 3-4 lines down from the top. The title is in title case and boldface. Place a blank line under it and then type the other lines, not bold.

### Descriptive Paper Title

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Name of University

MM350: Writing in APA Style

Prof. Tamara Fudge

February 21, 2020

No title, and no degrees or honorary acronyms

The course, professor, and due date lines are not required unless your professor or assignment instructions so dictate.

Use the same style and size font throughout, including in the header and on the cover page. All font must be black with the only exception allowed for hyperlinks in the reference entries. Use one of these fonts: Calibri 11, Arial 11, Lucida Sans Unicode 10, Georgia 11, or Times New Roman 12.

Double space (2.0) the entire paper, including references.

Margins must be 1" on all sides.

Make sure the indent tool is set fully to zero when centering text.

Do not add blank lines between headings or paragraphs.

Some courses do not allow use of a ready-made template; always check instructions. If you are allowed to use a template and decide to do so, remember that some may have errors you have to fix. Also, do not leave templated content in your document.

**Abstract**

Center the word Abstract on the top line and make the word bold.

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libero ac nulla hendrerit facilisis. Donec iaculis, mauris ac pellentesque sodales, magna justo est vitae lectus.

dictum augue, id condimentum sapien sapien in felis. Vestibulum vehicula auctor diam ac mollis.

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*Keywords:* dignissim, pellentesque sodales, ullamcorper

No punctuation at the end of the list.

If you include keywords:  
indent like a regular  
paragraph, and make the  
word Keywords italic.

Not all assignments require an abstract. Check instructions, and if still in doubt, ask your professor for guidance.

**Paper Title**

Type the title of the paper on the top line of the first body page. It is centered and bold.

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Include your topic sentence (research question) in the first paragraph. Avoid the "hook" and emotional or personal content found in creative writing: focus on *facts*.

Also, avoid referring to the paper itself ("in this paper" or "this will explain"); be more direct.

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eu metus gravida varius.

**First-Level Subheading**

First-level subheadings are bold, centered, and without final punctuation.  
Do not use **Introduction** as a subheading.

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Paragraphs have the  
first line indented ½".  
Use the indent tool,  
not the tab.

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aliquam eros. Donec diam mauris, viverra finibus tellus sit amet, temp  
eu aliquam est.

Every paragraph should be several sentences and lines long, and the content should be presented in deductive style: the main idea first, followed by details. Avoid "transition" sentences used in creative writing.

**Second-Level Subheading**

Second-level  
subheadings are bold  
and left-aligned,  
again without final  
punctuation.

Citations should directly follow the information culled from that source.

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**1-author  
citation example**

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**2-author  
citation example**

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**3+ author  
citation example**

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**Example citation when  
including the author's name in  
the sentence itself**

Aliquam ideamus laudamus te.

## Second-Level Subheading

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### Third-Level Subheading

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Remember that any paragraph in which you use ideas from a source must include citation. It must be obvious what information is credited to each source.

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Third-level subheadings are not used often in short papers, but if you need them, left-align and make them bold italic, without final punctuation

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### First-Level Subheading

Make sure you treat quotes correctly. Two methods for short quotes are shown here.

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According to LastName and LastName (Year), "Nullam eu massa rhoncus, fermentum massa eget, efficitur nulla" (p. 23). Ut porta, tellus in maximus sagittis, quam est accumsan sem, vitae pellentesque eros mauris ac urna. Phasellus tincidunt lobortis massa sit massa sit amet lacinia.

"Dictum sed laoreet id, sempera quis" (LastName et al., Year, p. 23). Nullam odio lectus. Donec mauris massa, sagittis eget. Proin ac rutrum nunc. Aenean vel est ac risus mattis blandit vitae a lectus. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. A tempor diam ullamcorper. Aliquam erat volutpat. Morbi non, ac euismod felis volutpat. Sed sit amet rhoncus neque, at molestie magna. According to LastName,

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Quotes of 40 or more words are fully indented. Note that all quote citations include the page number (or in the case of a web source, the paragraph number or section name)

Check assignment instructions, as quoting is often not allowed.

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### Conclusion

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Avoid obvious phrases such as "In conclusion." Do not include new ideas at this point in your paper; simply connect ideas or summarize.

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**References**

This heading is centered and bold. Note that this is *not* Works Cited, Resources, or Bibliography.

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NameOfPublisher. <http://doi.org/ifavailable>

LastName, Initials. (Year). Chapter title from a book with chapters written by different people. In EditorInitials EditorLastName (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp. ChapterPageNumbers). Publisher.

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LastName, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Newspaper or magazine article title. *Publication Name.* [fullURL](http://fullURL)

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*Title of typical unauthored web article.* (Year, Month Day). Site name. <http://fullURL>

U.S. Agency Name. (Year, Month Day). *Web article authored by an official agency.* <http://fullURL>

Use the hanging indent for every entry (do not press the enter key inside an entry). Indent exactly 1/2".

Alphabetize entries by the first letter of each entry.

Do *not* reorder author names for a source, however.

If you use an online library such as EBSCOhost, remember that the entries given there will likely have errors. You are responsible for correcting any errors.

Check APA resources for more about citation and referencing.