

APA Special Cases

Unique Types of Media

Sometimes you may not have a typical source like a journal article or book. In the cases where you use unique media, use the following guidelines for your reference page and in-text citations.

Audiovisual

Movies, television series, and song recordings follow a similar format, but require slightly different information.

▪ Motion Picture

Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.

Parkes, W. F. (Producer), & Marshall, P. (Director). (1990). *Awakenings* [Motion picture]. United States: Columbia Pictures.

▪ Television Broadcast or Series Episode

Writer, A. A. (Writer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). Title of broadcast or episode [*Television broadcast/Television series episode*]. In Producer, C. C. (Producer), *Series title*. City, State of origin: Studio or distributor.

Peters, W. & Cobb, C. (Writers), & Peters, W. (Director). (1985). A class divided [Television broadcast]. In Fanning, D. (Producer), *Frontline*. New Haven, CT: Public Broadcasting Service.

▪ Music Recording

Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: Streaming audio, MP3 File, CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date). (If streaming audio, use Retrieved from URL)

Lilburn, D. (1943). Sonata in C [Recorded by J. Cormack & M. Houstoun]. On *Lilburn duos for violin & piano* [CD]. Auckland, New Zealand: Atoll. (2013)

Barrière, J. (n.d.). *Cello sonatas* [Recorded by D. Simpson, N. Spieth, A. Ladrette, & E. Andreyev]. [Streaming audio]. Sigean, France: Solstice. Retrieved from <http://naxosmusiclibrary.com/>

Types of Media

The type of media should be described in brackets if it is unique. For example, [Blog post] or [Motion picture].

Other Unique Media

Blogs, art pieces, interviews, and class information are less commonly cited in APA, but still have specific formatting guidelines.

▪ Blogs

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of post [Blog post]. Retrieved from URL.

Mathis, T. (2015, August 12). What is human systems integration? [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://blog.apabooks.org/2015/08/12/what-is-human-systems-integration/>

▪ Art

Artist, A. A. (Year) *Title of work* [Medium/Description of material]. Location of the work.

Rodin, A. (1902). *The thinker* [Bronze sculpture]. Washington, DC: National Gallery of Art.

Wyeth, A. (1948). *Christina's world* [Painting]. Retrieved from <http://www.moma.org/explore/collection/index>

▪ Interviews (in-text)

(A. A. Interviewee, personal communication, Month Day, Year)

(H. A. Cruz, personal communication, June 21, 2017)

Referencing Interviews

Because APA does not require a References citation for interviews specifically, refer to your professor's instructions for formatting if required.

Class Information

When citing online lecture notes or class PowerPoint slides, always include the file format in brackets after the lecture title.

Author, A. A. (Year) *Title of lecture* [File format: PDF document, PowerPoint slides, Word document, etc.] Retrieved from URL

Freeman, M. (2017) *Spring 2017 A 206 Week 1.1* [PDF document] Retrieved from http://moodle.wou.edu/pluginfile.php/197644/mod_resource/content/1/Spring%202017%20A%20206%20Week%201.1.pdf

Legal Materials

Below are some common legal materials used in Criminal Justice classes. Writers are encouraged to consult the Legal Bluebook (available at the library) for the proper format of additional information and abbreviations.

▪ Court Decisions

Reference format for cases:

Name v. Name, Volume Source Page (Court Date)

Lessard v. Schmidt, 349 F. Supp. 1078 (E.D. Wis. 1972)

Durflinger v. Artiles, 563 F. Supp. 322 (D. Kan. 1981), *aff'd*, 727 F.2d 888 (10th Cir. 1984)

In-text citation:

(*Name of the case*, Year)

(*Lessard v. Schmidt*, 1972)

(*Durflinger v. Artiles*, 1981/1984)

▪ Statutes

Reference format for statutes:

Name of Act, Volume Source § section number (Year).

Mental Health Systems Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9401 (1988)

In-text citation:

Statute Name (Year)

Mental Health Systems Act (1988)

Court Decisions

If multiple years are given, cite those years as well. Court cases often take several years and omitting those can mislead the reader about the timing of the case. Another date may refer to an appealed case or whether a higher court made a decision.

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