

# ASA

## Citing in ASA

ASA Style is the format used by the American Sociological Association. It is primarily used as a reference for authors submitting scholarly articles to ASA journals, but has been adopted by many sociology departments for theses, dissertations, and research papers.

### Articles

#### Basic Format

Author A's Last Name, First Name M., and Author B's First Name M. Last Name. Year of Publication. "Title of article." *Name of Journal* volume number(Issue number):page numbers. (See margin note on URL or DOI).

#### ▪ Scholarly Journal

Coe, Deborah L., and James D. Davidson. 2011. "The Origins of Legacy Admissions: A Sociological Explanation." *Review of Religious Research* 52(3):233-47.

#### ▪ E-Journal with DOI

Phillips, Reginald. M., and S. H. Bonsteel. 2010. "The Faculty and Information Specialist Partnership Stimulating Student Interest and Experiential Learning." *Nurse Educator* 35(3), 136-138. doi: 10.1097/NNE.0b013e3181d95090.

#### ▪ E-Journal with URL

Raibley, Jason R. 2012. "Happiness is Not Well-Being." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 13(6):1105-1129. Retrieved December 29, 2016 (<http://uri.idm.oclc.org>).

#### ▪ Periodical (Magazine or Newspaper)

Ziff, Larzer. 1995. "The Other Lost Generation," *Saturday Review*, February 20, pp. 15-18.

#### Unique Types of Media

Sometimes you may not have a typical source like a journal article or a book. For citation information regarding other media, please refer to WOU's ASA resources ([research.wou.edu/asa](http://research.wou.edu/asa)) or the ASA Style Guide Handbook.

#### E-Journals: URL vs. DOI

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Example: November 19, 2018 (<http://etheses.lse.ac.uk/169/>).

### Books

#### Basic Format

Author A's Last Name, First name M., and Author B's First Name M. Last Name. Year of Publication. *Title of the book: Subtitle of the book*. City of Publication: Publisher Name.

#### ▪ Entire Books

Hoge, Dean R., Benton Johnson, and Donald A. Luidens. 1994. *Vanishing Boundaries: The Religion of Mainline Baby Boomers*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

### ▪ Edited Book

Corrigan, Patrick W., ed. 2014. *The Stigma of Disease and Disability: Understanding Causes and Overcoming Injustices*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

### ▪ Chapters in Edited Books

Mortez, Jennifer K., and Mark D. Hayward. 2011. "Early Life Conditions and Later Life Morality." Pp. 187-206 in *International Handbook of Adult Morality*, edited by R.G. Rogers and E. Crimmins. New York: Springer Publications.

#### Repeated Author

There is a hierarchy of rules to follow when using multiple sources with the same author:

1. Earliest dates come first.
2. Single author entries come before multiple author entries.
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## Information from a Website

### Basic Format

Author or Organization Name. Year of Publication. "Title of Website." Publisher (if different from Organization) Retrieved Month Date, Year (URL).

### ▪ Website with Author and Date

Kroll, Christian. 2011. "Towards a Sociology of Happiness: Examining Social Capital and Subjective Well-being Across Subgroups of Society." *The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)*. Retrieved December 29, 2016 (<http://etheses.lse.ac.uk/169/>).

#### No Date

If your source is missing a date, use *N.d.* in the references and (*N.d.*) for in-text citations.

### ▪ Website with Corporate Author

Purdue University. 2012. "Purdue University's Foundations of Excellence Final Report: A Roadmap for Excellent Beginnings." Retrieved Nov. 21, 2014 ([http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/provost\\_pubs/1/](http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/provost_pubs/1/)).

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- First Citation (3 authors): (Carr, Smith, and Jones 1962) **or** Carr, Smith, and Jones (1962)
- Following Citations: (Carr et al. 1962) **or** Carr et al. (1962)

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- All Citations: Nilson (1962:12) **or** (Nilson 1962:12)

#### Multiple Citations for One Sentence

- (Burgss 1982; Marwell et al. 1971)

Do not use a comma after the author's name when using "et al."

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