

Guidelines for Final Paper

The paper should not merely be a printed version of what you presented in class. Hopefully any discussion and questions during your presentation may prompt you to make changes or additions to what you put together verbally (as well as any feedback I gave you.)

Mechanics. Mechanics of the paper include

- margins of 1 inch on all sides
- typeface must be in Times New Roman at 12 points
- **all pages must be numbered** & be stapled or paper-clipped together in the top left corner; you may not use a plastic cover to submit the paper
- APA Format. Everyone in this class has taken PSY 201 *Research Methods* where you were taught how to use APA format. I will not ask you to be slavish in following APA format in terms of the references and in-text citations, i.e., minor errors will be understood. However, the paper needs to show a significant effort to approximate APA format in either its 6th or 7th edition. I am appending again an outline of what APA references should look like in the Reference list at the end.
- Grammar and spelling should be accurate.
- The paper should be at least 7 or 8 pages (double spaced) including a cover sheet and references. These page guidelines are only minimums and should be exceeded if your topic requires it. Recall that the paper will be worth 25% of your grade.

Structure and Content

- Of course, your paper is not a report of an experiment and, therefore, should not follow the format required for experiments or other forms of actual data analysis research (e.g., you DON'T use headers like Participants, Data Collection, Results, Discussion, etc.)

Introduction/Beginning

- Do you provide some sort of overview of the topic?
- Do you provide any needed background to its specific topic?

Middle/Main Section

- Do you deal with the principal or most important ideas and issues involved in the topic you are reviewing?
- Do you present these ideas and issues in a systematic way?
- Do you maintain a scientific attitude and balanced judgment in your treatment of the topic? Note, of course, that the use of stories and narratives (the focus of this course) are considered part of science when they are used to understand experiences and other topics.
- Does the paper address its audience in a helpful fashion, e.g., would a reasonably educated individual be able to profit from reading the paper?

End/Conclusion

- Does the paper summarize its main points?
- Does the paper acknowledge those questions or areas of uncertainty which remain to be answered?

References and Evidentiary Basis of Paper

- Do you have a sufficiently broad set of references to support your paper's comments (or does the paper rely upon a very small number of items)?
- Are the references used from primary sources (e.g., journal articles) or only from secondary sources

- (e.g., a textbook)?
- Do your references reflect only “internet” sources, or do they include more scientific sources from journal articles, books, government reports, etc.?
 - Do the references show timeliness, that is, they are reasonably current and up to date?

Versions

You must submit to me two versions of your paper. One is the printed one which should follow the guidelines above and be put through the slot in the door of my office, RH 222. Send me your final paper as well in a version in MS Word, pdf, or Mac Pages format by email (hevern@lemoyne.edu). ***Do NOT just send me a link to Google Docs.*** I will notify you by return email what your grade is on this paper when I am finished grading.

As the course timeline indicates, **papers are due by Wednesday, December 11, by 5 pm.**

APA Style (7th edition) • Reference Examples
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Journal Article

Craik, F. I. M., & Tulving, E. (1975). Depth of processing and the retention of words in episodic memory. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*, 104(3), 268–294. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0096-3445.104.3.268>

- Authors: Full last name, initials for first names.
- The title of the article is written in “Sentence case” – only the first word is capitalized and all the rest are in lower case except for proper nouns or names (here: H.M.)
- Words in a journal title are capitalized and both the *journal title and volume number* (but not the issue number) are italicized.
- A period (.) follows the page numbers.
- A DOI (digital object identification) number is provided wherever possible. Older journal articles may not have a DOI. Do **NOT** end the DOI entry with a period (.).

Newspaper Article

Sima, R. (2022, June 6). The optical illusion has a revelation about your brain and eyes. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/06/science/optical-illusion-tunnel.html>

- Authors: Full last name, initials for first names.
- The title of the article is written in “Sentence case” – only the first word is capitalized, and all the rest are in lower case except for proper nouns or names
- The newspaper title is capitalized and *italicized*.
- The web address/URL of the article is provided (but the phrase “Retrieved on...” Is not used any more). Do **NOT** end the web address/URL with a period (.).

Authored Book

Miller, D. C. (2013). *Essentials of school neuropsychological assessment* (2nd ed.). John Wiley & Sons.

- Author(s): Full last name, initials for first names.
- The title of the book is written in “Sentence case” – only the first word is capitalized, and all the rest are in lower case except for proper nouns or names. *The title is italicized*. If this version of the book is a 2nd or subsequent edition, put the edition number in parentheses after the title but do not italicize it.
- The last item listed is the publisher. The location of publication (e.g., Washington, DC) is no longer listed.
- Occasionally books have a DOI. If so, list it after the publisher using the same form as with a journal article: [https://doi.org/\[number\]](https://doi.org/[number])
- Do **NOT** put a period (.) after a DOI entry.

Chapter in an Edited Book

Randolph, C., Goldberg, T. E., & Weinberger, D. R. (1993). The neuropsychology of schizophrenia. In K. M. Heilman & E. Valenstein (Eds.), *Clinical neuropsychology* (3rd ed., pp. 499-522). Oxford University Press.

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- The name(s) of the editor(s) are listed with the last name coming AFTER the first name initial(s) (note that this is the reverse of putting the last name first for the authors of articles). The designation (Ed.) for one editor and (Eds.) for more than one editor follows immediately after the name(s) and a comma (,) follows that designation.
- The title of the book is written in “Sentence case” – only the first word is capitalized, and all the rest of the words are in lower case except for proper nouns or names which ARE capitalized. The
- *The title of an edited book is italicized.* If this version of the book is a 2nd or subsequent edition, put the edition number in parentheses after the title but do not italicize it.
- Immediately after the edition number, enter the page numbers of the chapter itself.
- The last item listed is the publisher. The location of publication (e.g., Washington, DC) is no longer listed.
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U. S. Census Bureau (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock*. U. S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved November 2, 2022 from <https://www.census.gov/popclock/>

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