Using APSA Citation Style

The *APSA Style Manual for Political Science*, published by the American Political Science Association, can be found at the Citation Station on the first floor of the library, as well as on the library’s website in the Citation Station Online.

### In-Text (Parenthetical) Citations

- Follow the (Author Date) method:
  - Taylor (2000) analyzed polling data...
  - In a recent study of polling data (Taylor 2000)...
  - Several studies (Taylor 2000; Juarez 2002; Peters & Lester 2004) show that...
- Use *n.d.* in place of the year if there is no date cited.
- Two authors: (Roberts and Smith 2000). Three or more authors: (Roberts, Smith, and Hopps 2000)
- Cite pages number when possible: (Taylor 2019, 178-179) or (Taylor 2019, 13, 179) for multiple pages

### Reference List Tips

- List all references in alphabetical order by author’s last name.
- Use the authors’ last names, first names, and middle initial (if available).
- **Online resources must include a direct link.** The preferred order for citing online sources is the following: 1.) DOI (digital object identifier), 2.) a permalink URL, and 3.) a short version of the URL. You do not need to include an accessed date.

### Reference List Examples

**BOOKS**

**Book, one author:**

Author last name, First name and Middle initial. Publication year. *Title: Subtitle*. Publication location: Publisher.

**Book, two authors:**

Author last name, First name and Middle initial, and Second author’s full name. Publication year. *Title: Subtitle*. Publication location: Publisher.

**Chapter from book:**

Author last name, First name and Middle initial. Publication year. “Book chapter title.” In *Title: Subtitle*, ed. Editor’s full name, page range. Publication location: Publisher.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

**Journal article, multiple authors:**

Author last name, First and Middle initial, and Second author’s full name. Publication year. “Journal article title.” *Title of Journal* volume number (issue number): page range. DOI.
**NEWS ARTICLES**

Newspaper article, one author:

Author last name, First name. Publication year. “Title of Newspaper Article.” *Title of Newspaper*, Month and Day of Publication.

Newspaper article, no known author:

“Title of Newspaper Article.” Publication year. *Title of Newspaper*, Month and Day of Publication.

**WEBSITES**

Author last name, First name and Middle initial. Year last updated. “Title of webpage.” *Title of Website*. Shortened URL.

**Legal and Government Documents**

*NOTE*: Legal documents, including court case decisions and laws, and government documents are not included in the reference list. Incorporate the followings citations directly into the text. Consult the APSA Manual for more examples.

**Law or statute:**

Name of law, Pub. L. if public law, No. law numbers, Volume number Abbreviated volume name Opening page of decision (Year decided)


**Legal case:**

Case name, volume number, abbreviated name of the reporter, opening page of the decision (Year decided)