

General Format (Please visit PDC's Writing Center)

General APA Guidelines

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5" x 11") with 1" margins on all sides. You should use 10-12 pt. Times New Roman font or a similar font.

Include a **page header** in the upper right-hand of every page. To create a **page header**, type the first 2-3 words of the title of the paper, insert five spaces, then give the page number.

Major Paper Sections

Your essay should include **four** major sections: the **Title Page**, **Abstract**, **Main Body**, and **References**.

Title Page

Your title page should already include the **page header** (described above). On the first line of the title page flush-left, add a **running head**. Begin the running head with the words "Running Head" followed by a colon. Then give an abbreviated title of your paper in 50 characters or less in all caps. Note: Remember that the **page header** will appear on every page of your paper, whereas the **running head** will only appear on your title page.

In the upper half of the title page, type your full **title**, your **byline** (name[s]), and **affiliation** (university, etc.) centered on separate lines. Your **title** may take up one or two lines as in the example below:

Abstract

Begin a new page. Your abstract page should already include the **page header** (described above). On the first line of the abstract page, center the word "Abstract" (otherwise unformatted, no bold, italics, underlining, or quotation marks).

Beginning with the next line, write a concise summary of the key points of your research. (Do not indent.) The abstract should be a single paragraph double-spaced of less than 120 words. See Below.

Running head: LEARNING TO FORMAT

Learning to Format Papers
in APA Style
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APA Title Page

Abstract

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Sample APA Abstract