

Peer Reviewed Articles and Citation

What is a peer-reviewed article?

Typically, these are in-depth research academic papers written by experts within their field of study that are examined by other experts before being allowed to be published.

Key characteristics include:

- **Rigorous Peer Review Process:** Before publication, subject experts evaluate the work for originality, methodology, and scientific accuracy.
- **Structured Format:** Articles typically include an abstract, introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion.
- **Scholarly Authoring:** Written by researchers, professionals, or professors with clearly listed credentials and academic affiliations.
- **Extensive Citations:** A detailed bibliography or reference list is mandatory to show how the research builds on previous knowledge.
- **Specific Focus:** Focuses on a narrow topic, contributing new research or novel analysis to the discipline.
- **Formal Appearance:** Usually in black and white with data-driven charts, tables, or graphs, rather than glossy, non-technical photographs.
- **Technical Language:** Uses jargon specific to the academic field.

Where do I find peer-reviewed articles?


1. WGSS Library Databases – GALE and EBSCO – Our in-house databases.
2. [Google Scholar](#) - A powerful, comprehensive search engine for academic literature, offering direct links to PDF versions of articles. [Google Scholar Labs](#) (AI Queries)
3. [JSTOR](#) - Offers free, limited access to millions of journal articles and book chapters.





How do I make sure my searches are showing “peer-reviewed” articles only?

Make sure that when doing a search or advanced search you turn on the “Peer Reviewed” selection found in every database – this limits search results to just these academic papers.

Search Limiters

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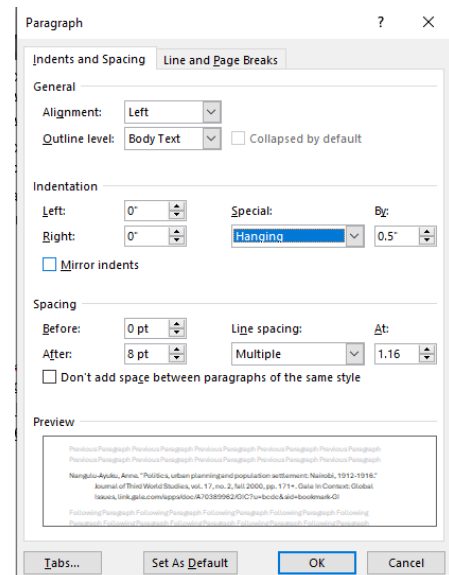
Select Electronic Resource(s) 

- Full text documents 
- Peer-reviewed journals 
- Document contains images 
- Leveled documents 

How do I cite these references correctly for APA Works Cited Pages?

1. Create a “Works Cited” page for the end of your paper, underlined in capitalizing each word. (see example below).
2. Add citations for each research document you have used – access the free APA citation button found in every database to copy and paste these citations, or use free generator like [Citation Machine](#) to create them for you.
3. Place your citations in **alphabetical order A-Z**. Make sure each entry starts at the left-hand margin, while additional lines for the citation are indented in from the margin using the “hanging paragraph” feature found in Word.

Right-click your mouse at the beginning of the line you want to change to open the menu you see here.

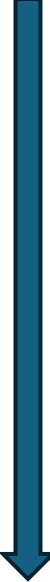


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