

CU Writing Center: Purdue OWL In-text Citation and Bibliographic Entry Guide

The screenshot shows the Purdue OWL website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Purdue University logo, the text "Purdue Online Writing Lab COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS", and the OWL logo. Below the navigation bar are links for "Writing Lab", "Purdue OWL", "Engagement", "Research", "Contact", and "Site Map". A prominent banner for EasyBib is displayed, with the text "Catch plagiarism before your teacher does" and a "Get EasyBib Plus" button. Below the banner, there is a "Welcome to the Purdue OWL" section. A search box is provided with the text: "If you are having trouble locating a specific resource, please visit the [search page](#) or the [Site Map](#)." Below the search box, there is a paragraph describing the OWL's services: "The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Students, members of the community, and users worldwide will find information to assist with many writing projects. Teachers and trainers may use this material for in-class and out-of-class instruction." Below this paragraph, there is another paragraph: "For more information about services for the Purdue University community, including one-to-one consultations, ESL conversation groups and workshops, please visit the [Writing Lab site](#)." Below the paragraphs, there is a "Mission" section with the text: "The Purdue University Writing Lab and Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) assist clients in their development as writers—no matter what their skill level—with on-campus consultations, online participation, and community engagement. The Purdue Writing Lab serves the Purdue, West Lafayette, campus and coordinates with local literacy initiatives. The Purdue OWL offers global support through online reference materials and services." Below the mission section, there is a red heading "APA 7 Pages Now Live!" followed by a paragraph: "Feb. 6, 2020: The OWL is pleased to announce that we've updated our APA resources to reflect the new *APA Publication Manual* (7th ed.)! We've adjusted our URLs so that any old" On the left side of the page, there is a "Purdue OWL" menu with the following items: "General Writing >", "Research and Citation >" (circled in blue), "Teacher and Tutor Resources >", "Subject-Specific Writing >", "Job Search Writing >", "English as a Second Language >", "About the OWL >", "Purdue OWL Vidcasts >", and "Privacy Notice". Below the menu, there is a "Suggested Resources" section.

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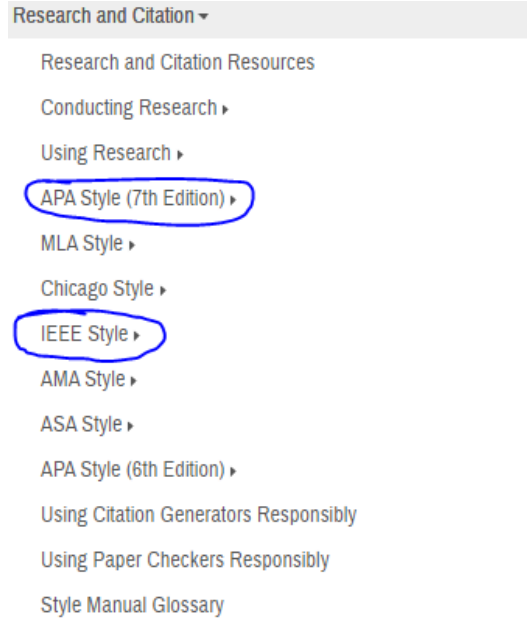
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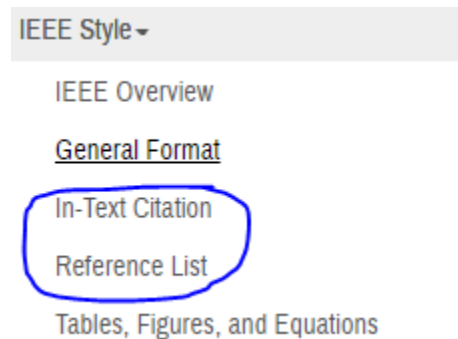
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When first arriving at the Purdue OWL page (owl.purdue.edu), to find citation guides, first access the drop down menu show above. Take note of the other resources available: general writing advice, writing for job search purposes, and ESL resources.



Under this menu, you will find a host of possible citation style guides, as well as guides for conducting research and using that data responsibly. In this brief guide, we will showcase both the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), commonly used for technical papers, and APA (American Psychological Association), a common ‘cover-all’ citation.



To begin with IEEE, select it from the drop down menu, which will open the submenu shown above. General formatting is a good place to start for overall paper formatting (including title, page numbers, and other style requirements), but the technical information for constructing a bibliographic entry and referencing that entry within the paper can be found in the two sections shown above. “In-Text Citation” teaches the proper ways to reference sources within the text, addressing all possible situations and source formats. “Reference List” provides templates and examples for writing a bibliographical entry for a variety of source formats. “Tables, Figures, and Equations” is also useful for the inclusion of those elements in one’s writing, and lists proper formatting standards.

APA Style (7th Edition) ▾

[APA Style Introduction](#)

[APA Overview and Workshop](#)

[APA Formatting and Style Guide \(7th Edition\) ▶](#)

Alternatively, for APA, select the above option from the drop down menu.

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General Format

In-Text Citations: The Basics

In-Text Citations: Author/Authors

Footnotes and Endnotes

Reference List: Basic Rules

Reference List: Author/Authors

Reference List: Articles in Periodicals

Reference List: Books

Reference List: Other Print Sources

Reference List: Electronic Sources

Reference List: Audiovisual Media

Reference List: Other Non-Print Sources

Additional Resources

APA Headings and Seriation

APA PowerPoint Slide Presentation

APA Sample Paper

APA Tables and Figures

APA Classroom Poster

Changes in the 7th Edition

General APA FAQs

You will notice that APA offers significantly more options than IEEE; it is a more widely used and multipurpose citation format. The first three highlighted entries will introduce the format (how to construct title pages, page numbers, running headers, etc.), as well as how to format in-text citations for a variety of source formats. The third entry covers a number of unique cases for author circumstances, such as numerous authors, organizations as authors, or unknown authors. The second section of highlighted links lead to a variety of style guides for bibliographical entries, in the various source formats as specified. The final section of particular interest is the “APA Sample Paper”, which is an annotated paper that highlights the concepts outlined earlier. It provides a means to see the format in action, and can be a good reference point for one’s own writing.