

# APA Citation and Copyright Guide

Copyright, fair use, and plagiarism prevention are of utmost importance to REALTOR® University, and the goal of this guide is to protect intellectual property. APA is the suggested style format of REALTOR® University, so this guide will provide students and faculty with links to APA style guides and citation generators for help with writing papers and creating bibliographies.

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## APA Help

APA Style: The Suggested Style Format of REALTOR® University

"When editors or teachers ask you to write in *APA Style*®, they are referring to the editorial style that many of the social and behavioral sciences have adopted to present written material in the field. APA Style was first developed 80 years ago by a group of social scientists who wished to establish sound standards of communication. Since that time, it has been adopted by leaders in many fields and has been used by writers around the world.

APA's style rules and guidelines are set out in a reference book called [\*The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association\*](#)" ([apastyle.org](http://apastyle.org)).



- APA Style  
<http://www.apastyle.org/index.aspx>  
Visit this site with questions on references, formatting, and more.

## APA Style Guides

Bookmark one or two of these guides and refer to them often while creating References lists for your course papers.

- [APA Style Guide](#), The Writing Lab & The OWL at Purdue and Purdue University
- [APA Style Guide](#), University of Washington
- [BibMe](#) (Be sure to choose APA)

## RU Library APA Resources

- [APA Help page](#), REALTOR® University Library
- [Sample APA Formatted Paper](#)  
Interactive sample paper for REALTOR® University students, using the APA style format
- [APA Paper Template](#)  
Note: Developed for personal use; please check for accuracy before submission.
- [In-text Citations in APA 6th Format](#)   
Video tutorial on formatting direct quotations, block quotations, and in-text citations in APA 6th format. (7:59 minutes)
- [APA 6th Headers in Microsoft Word](#)   
Video tutorial on formatting Microsoft Word headers in APA 6th format, (6:53 minutes)

## Citation Generators

Plug in your source's title, author, dates, etc., and these tools will give you a citation! Please be sure to choose APA format when using these citation generators, and be sure to double-check all citations for accuracy.

For the Tweet citation tool: instructions detailing how to link to an individual tweet [here](#).

- [Citation Machine](#)
- [KnightCite](#)
- [OttoBib](#)
- [Zotero](#): Zotero is a free research management tool that will generate citations in APA 6th and allow storing and management of research findings. This information can be shared with groups and teams, too.
- [EasyBib](#) Citation Generator for Websites

## Citing Legal and Government Materials

- [Citing Court Decisions in APA Style](#), APA Style blog

See the section on “Reference Examples” for your References page, and see the section on “Text Citation Example” for your in-text citations.

- See this [citation generator for government documents](#) from ASU Libraries. Be sure to choose APA style and the appropriate format to create an APA citation.
- [Citing Canadian Government Documents- APA Style](#), Simon Fraser University Library

## Citing Twitter and Facebook Posts

- [How to Cite Twitter and Facebook, Part I: General](#), APA Style Blog, October 23, 2009
- [How to Cite Twitter and Facebook, Part II: Reference List Entries and In-Text Citations](#), APA Style Blog, October 26, 2009

## Writing Help

- [Tutor.com](#), Log into Canvas and click on the Tutoring button in the left-hand column.
- [Writing Help page](#), REALTOR® University Library
- [A Sample RU Paper](#), REALTOR® University Library  
Check out this interactive presentation, which allows you to view the most important elements of an APA-formatted paper.
- [Research Process & Writing Papers - Best Practices](#), REALTOR® University Library  
This guide provides an overview of the steps involved in conducting research and writing research papers. Here,

you will find general standards, organization techniques, and research tips that you can incorporate into your own research and writing process.

## Copyright Resources

### Websites

- [The Campus Guide to Copyright Compliance](#), Copyright Clearance Center  
"Welcome to the Campus Guide to Copyright Compliance. Designed for academic institutions, this guide helps answer questions ranging from basic copyright law to the more complex topics of ILL and e-reserves" (Source: Copyright Clearance Center).
- [Copyright.gov](#), U.S. Copyright Office  
Find information on copyright basics, search copyright works, and register your own works.
- [Copyright & Fair Use Center](#), Stanford University Libraries  
Comprehensive collection of information on copyright, fair use, public domain, permissions, and more.
- [Copyright Advisory Office](#), Columbia University Libraries/Information Services  
Practical collection of copyright materials, including a fair use checklist, checklists for Section 108 for reproduction, model permissions forms, and more.
- [Copyright Resources for Schools and Libraries](#), Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction  
Annotated bibliography of copyright resources, including information on copyright law, distance learning, digital images, and sample copyright policies.

### eBooks

Below are a few popular eBooks in our library on the topic of copyright. To search for more eBooks on this topic, visit our [eBooks website](#).

- Stim, R.W. (2006). [Patent, Copyright and Trademark](#).
- Stim, R.W. (2004). [Getting Permission](#).

### Books

The titles below may be checked out from our library's print collection. Please contact us if you would like to check out any titles. To search for more books on this topic, visit our [library catalog](#).

- LaFrance, M. (2008). [Copyright Law in a Nutshell](#).
- Bielefield, A. & Cheeseman, L. (2007). [Technology and copyright law: A guidebook for the library, research, and teaching professions](#).
- Crews, K.D. (2006). [Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators](#).
- Lipinski, T.A. (2005). [The Complete Copyright Liability Handbook for Librarians and Educators](#).
- Russell, C. (2004). [Complete Copyright](#).