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Formatting:

Title

Title should have a 12-word maximum

Margins

The paper should have 1 ½" margins on all sides. Only the left margin is justified. At least 11-point font should be used.

Abstract

The abstract should be no longer than 150 words. The abstract will state the research problem, method, findings, or conclusions. It should be a summary of the overall paper.

Headings

Primary

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In-Text Citation:

The main rule to follow for in-text citation is last name of author(s), year of publication (n.d. if unavailable), and page or chapter number (ONLY if it is a quote from a specific page or chapter, NOT if it is the entire work).

There are different ways to cite in-text. For example:

1. (Wallgren 2012).
2. ...see Wallgren 2012.
3. Wallgren (2012) ...

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1. (Wallgren, Manderson, and Prince 2012).
2. Four or more use “et al.”

For multiple works by the same author, use semicolons:

1. (Wallgren 2011; 2012)

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1. For Legal Citations
 - a. Name of the case (in italics except the “v.”) or statute and year
 - i. Case: (*Bakers v. Carter* 1975)
 - ii. Statute: (Money and Pounds Act 1952)
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 - a. If the name is too long, using a short form or acronym is allowed after the first reference
 - i. *U.S. Supernatural Puppy Commission (1945, 12; hereafter USSPC)* and all successive references to this commission would be written as *USSPC (1945, 12)*.