

## Formatting in APA Style

Students are encouraged to present written essays and papers in accordance with the Georgian College Academic standard using APA style formatting. In order to ensure accuracy amongst students, it’s important to teach this formatting style. The responsibility falls to the faculty to ensure that this material is taught to students, and it’s important to remember that they may not know these skills when they enter a Dual Credit course.

Additionally, when work is cited properly, students avoid plagiarism. Equipping students with the knowledge of APA formatting allows a higher academic standard and transparency.

**Student Handout and PowerPoint Information:**

The APA student handout addresses the two main components of formatting: in-text citations and references. Keep in mind that forms of communication change almost daily, and as such, so does the formatting style. Check the Georgian College Library Commons frequently to see if there has been a change to the APA style. The PowerPoint is to be used in class prior to the first written assignment. It includes an activity.

**For your further information:**

These websites provide comprehensive information and examples of APA formatting:

[Georgian College Library](http://libguides.georgiancollege.ca/content.php?pid=243488&sid=2011062) - <http://library.georgianc.on.ca/>

This site provides links to writing help, researching skills and other valuable links to external sites that help students and faculty understand APA formatting.

[The Online Writing Lab at Purdue University](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/) - <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>

This comprehensive site shows learners how to model their citations after up-to-date APA information. This site is particularly helpful because it shows examples of paper layout, style considerations, in-text citations and references. Students should be encouraged to access this site as a regular part of their learning.

[The American Psychological Association (APA)](http://www.apastyle.org/) – apastyle.org

This site provides background information about APA style. It does focus primarily on the sale of the APA Handbook.

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