Psychology 1300

Research Experience Paper(s) Option Instructions

***This page includes information on the requirements for the paper option including the deadline for submission of papers, how to properly format and structure your paper and APA style.***

* Pay close attention to all of the below instruction. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in required revisions and/or loss of credit.
* The deadlines for papers are:
* **Friday, September 23rd at 11:59pm**
* **Friday, October 21st at 11:59pm**
* **Monday, November 28th at 11:59pm**
* Each paper is worth **1 credit**. If you plan on writing research papers to fulfill your research requirement, **do not procrastinate!**
* You can submit **up to 4 papers on each deadline**. Although SONA has you sign up for one timeslot, you can submit multiple papers. For example, if I want to get 4 credits by submitting 4 papers, I can sign up for the September 23rd timeslot on SONA and email 4 papers on that day.

***PAPER REQUIREMENTS***

***Submission Deadline:***

* Your paper is due at 11:59pm on the date of your SONA System timeslot.
* Turn your paper in on time. Late papers will **not** be accepted.
* Papers that do NOT have a reference will NOT be graded.

***Submitting Papers***

* Turn your paper in online (psychresearchpaper@gmail.com) and on-time.
* You must use either .doc or .docx file format
* Name your file using your first name, last name and the paper number, for example:

Justin Case's third paper = JustinCase\_3.docx

* When you have finished your paper, attach the Word document and email it to: **psychresearchpaper@gmail.com**. Your paper must be submitted as an attachment.
* In the email’s subject line, please include your FULL NAME (Example: “John Smith”)
* If you do not cancel your sign-up through SONA system and simply fail to turn in your paper, or if your paper is turned in late, you will not receive 0 credits and an unexcused no-show on SONA.
* *Accruing 3 or more unexcused no-shows will result in your being locked out of the SONA* website. Should you get locked out of the SONA website, please contact your instructor.
* You can resubmit a paper to be considered for partial credit as long as your first submission was before the deadline.

***Paper length and Formatting:***

* The paper must be double-spaced and should have 1inch top, bottom, left and right margins. It should be in Times New Roman, 12pt font.
* The paper must be at least 1 page (300 words minimum), but NOT longer than 2 pages. You do not need to have a cover page.
* Use a title that indicates which article you chose to read
* Include the following:
  + Your name, your instructor's name, and your class time/semester.

***Article Source***

* Choose an article from the journal *Current Directions in Psychological Science* published in 2006 or later.
* Click on "Current Directions" below to access the journal online through SFX.
* Click on the red "Go" button. If you are accessing the journal from off-campus, you will be prompted to enter your eRaider username and password.
* Choose a year (2006 or later), then choose an issue number to see a list of articles in that issue. If you see one you'd like to read, click on "PDF full text."

*Link:*

o  <http://journals.sagepub.com.lib-e2.lib.ttu.edu/home/cdp>

***Substance and Structure of the Paper:*** 1. The first part of the paper must summarize the major ideas or research processes in the article. The summary should demonstrate that you understand how the researchers used good research practices to answer questions about a psychological idea.

* Summarize using your own words and use no more than 2 direct quotes (if any at all). Remember that quotes MUST be cited.
* Your summary must include descriptions of the design and outcome of the study(s) discussed in the article.
* NOTE: PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

2. The second part of the paper must describe how the ideas or research processes in the article relate to material in the course.

* Your reflection may include personal anecdotes, however the reflection must explicitly connect the material presented in the article to information from your class lectures or book readings.
* Example of topics that you may wish to discuss in this section:
  + Does the article elaborate on a concept or principle described in the text or in a lecture?
  + Does the article provide evidence for or against a principle described in class?
  + What new/innovative ideas are introduced that go beyond the course material?

***APA Style:***

* Your paper must use include proper APA citations and APA formatting!
* In addition to the attached chart and the information contained in this rubric, you may use the following website as a guide: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

**In text Citations**

* You must include in text citations for all intellectual property that you summarize (even if you are not referencing a direct quote).
* Please refer to the attached chart for examples of in text citations.
* Pay close attention to all grammar and punctuation involved in both in-text citations and final references.

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| **How to Cite a Journal Article** | | | |
| **Type of citation** | | **Citation in text**  If using the author’s last name in the sentence text) | **Parenthetical format, citation in text**  (if not using the author’s name in the sentence text) |
| **Work by 1 author** | Generic Format | Author Last Name (Publication Year).... | (Author Last Name, Publication Year). |
| Specific Example | Price’s (2017) research showed that using proper citations is very important when writing research papers | Research has shown that using proper citations is very important when writing research papers (Price, 2017) |
| **Work by 2 authors** | Generic Format | Author 1 and Author 2 (Publication Year)... | (Author 1 & Author 2, Publication Year) |
| Specific Example | Price & Branscome (2017) suggested that APA style is easier to use each time a student practices. | APA style is easier to use each time a student practices (Price & Branscome, 2017) |
| **Work by 3-5 authors** | Generic Format | Author 1, Author 2, and Author 3 (Publication Year)… | (Author 1, Author 2, & Author 3, Publication Year) |
| Specific Example | Price, Branscome, and Green (2017) demonstrated that writing research papers can improve students’ comprehension of scientific articles. | Writing research papers can improve students’ comprehension of scientific articles (Price, Branscome, Green, 2017). |
| **Work by 6 or more authors** | Generic Format | Author 1 et al., (Publication Year)… | (Author 1 et al., Publication Year). |
| Specific Example | Price et al., (2017) were required by law to give students an alternative option should the student have a moral objection to participating in research. | Universities were required by law to give students an alternative option should the student have a moral objection to participating in research (Price et al., 2017). |

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| **Citations for Direct Quotations** | |
| In all cases, citations should include the **author’s last name**, **publication year**, and **page number** of the quoted material. | |
| **Generic Format** | (Author(s) last name, publication year, page number)… |
| **Specific Example** | (Smith, 2014, p. 200). |
| **Specific Examples (in context):**  Any of the following examples would be an acceptable in text citation:   * According to Palladino and Wade (2010), “a flexible mind is a healthy mind” (p. 147). * In 2010, Palladino and wade noted that “a flexible mind is a healthy mind” (p.147). * In fact, “a flexible mind is a healthy mind” (Palladino & Wade, 2010), p. 147). * “A flexible mind is a healthy mind, “according to Palladino and Wade’s (2010, p.147) longitudinal study. * Palladino and Wade’s (2010) results indicate that “a flexible mind is a healthy mind” (p. 147). | |

***APA Style (cont.):***

**Paper References**

* You must provide a full reference for the article that you are writing your research paper on! Failure to do so will result in required revisions and/or loss of credit.
* Additionally, anytime that you use a parenthetical citation, the citation must refer to a full reference at the end of the paper.
* Pay close attention to the case, font, and punctuation in these examples!
* All references should have a 0.5 inch hanging indentation (see below). If you are unsure of how to insert a hanging indentation in Microsoft word, please refer to the following guide:<http://www.wikihow.com/Do-a-Hanging-Indent>

**Generic Example**:

Author Last Name, Author First Initial. (Publication Year). Title of the article in sentence case.

*Title of Journal in Title Case, volume number,* page-page*.*

**Specific Example**:

Kochanska, G. (2002). Mutually responsive orientation between mothers and their young

children: A context for the early development of conscience. *Current Directions in Psychological Science, 11,* 191-195.

**\*Note:** If you are unsure about APA style or need any additional help writing, the writing center is a great free resource for students! Both in-person and online appointments are available. Visit <http://uwc.ttu.edu/> for more information.