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Students occasionally work with others or receive assistance in various aspects of their course work. **Students should be very clear about how they are working with others and what types of assistance, if any, they are receiving.** Students should disclose to their professors any plans for outside professional assistance on editing, statistical work, or other matters central to completing their work. The student's professor will approve those kinds and levels of assistance that support, rather than supplant, the student's research, writing and learning. If assistance was approved, the student must specify what sort of assistance they received and from whom on the paper in question, upon submission. The goal of this oversight is to preserve the status of the work as the student's own genuine intellectual product. Students should remember that the Gutman Library Academic Writing and Research Services is available to assist them with assessing and editing their own work. This assistance has been sanctioned by HGSE.

-Harvard Graduate School of Education Student Handbook, “Assistance in Course Work and Writing” (p. 49)
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Dual or Overlapping Submissions

A paper may not be used to meet the requirements for more than one course. Students wishing to integrate the work of two separate courses into one paper may do so only if this plan is approved in advance in writing by all instructors involved. Papers submitted for more than one course must show both course numbers on the title page.

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Tips for Citing Appropriately

• Take careful notes
• Develop a system for clearly indicating when you are quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing, etc.
• Compare to original sources
• Give yourself enough time
• When in doubt, “Cite it Anyway!”

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Paraphrasing & Summarizing

- Accurately represent author’s meaning without quoting
- Use less words than quoting
- Use your own words
- Use your own sentence structure

Additionally:

Paraphrasing communicates more Details and nuances of the original text. This is more difficult, and should only be used when the nuances and details add to your argument.
What is the difference?

**Paraphrase:** a restatement of a text, passage, or work giving the meaning in another form

**Summary:** using a few words to give the most important information about something

*Definitions from merriam-webster.com*
Steps to Paraphrase/Summarize

- Read the original text
- List bullet points for each idea/argument in the paragraph
- Assimilate the message of the author(s)
- Paraphrase/summarize in your own words
- Check paraphrase against the original text
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The transition from writing in high school to writing in college can be difficult for many students. The skills needed to write a personal essay for a college application, for example, are not the same as those needed to write a research paper for a course (Tardy, 2010). The discourse of the academy, in particular, can pose challenges for students both in terms of expectations and perceptions. College assignments often require a more formal writing style, and students unfamiliar with the conventions of such formal writing may struggle (Tardy, 2010).
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Why Cite?

- Give credit to the sources you use to support your ideas and claims
- Differentiate between your own ideas and ideas which come from others
- Adds credibility to your claims
- Helps your reader find your sources if they want to read more
- Helps you avoid plagiarism
Cite a Source When You…

• Quote the source directly;
• Summarize its main ideas, events, or data;
• Paraphrase one of its statements or passages; or
• Briefly mention it.

In summary…EVERY time you use someone else’s idea.
How do you cite?

- **APA**: psychology, education, and other social sciences.
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APA Citation

• In-text

• Reference list
Purdue OWL

- APA Style Guide
- Comprehensive online resource
When to Include Page Numbers in a Reference List Entry

By David Becker

Dear APA Style Experts,

When I cite page numbers in text, does that mean I have to include them in the reference as well? If not, then when should I include page numbers in a reference?

—Laurel H.

Dear Laurel,

The quick answer to your first question is, "No." Just because you cite one or more page numbers in text—whether you are directly quoting a source or just paraphrasing it—does not necessarily mean you need to include them in the reference list. References help readers find the work you are citing, whereas in-text citations help readers find the location of the quoted or paraphrased material within that source. Here is an example of the correct format for an in-text citation to an authored book and its corresponding reference:

In-text citation:
(Moghaddam, 2018, p. 30)

Reference:

Regarding your broader question about when to include page numbers in a reference, the answer depends on what type of source you are citing. A page range is included in a reference to a source that is part of a larger paginated work, such as a chapter in an edited book, an entry in a reference book, a work in an anthology, or an article in a periodical (i.e., a journal or a print magazine or newspaper). Here is a sample in-text citation and a corresponding reference to a
In-text Citations

- Generally, last name of author(s) and year of publication
- Any parts not mentioned in the text should be in parentheses
  - Research has shown….(Luttrell, 2003)
  - Luttrell (2003) noted that
- Direct quotes must include a page number
  - (Kegan & Lahey, 1984, p. 226)
Many students are embarrassed after receiving feedback on their writing (________).

Author: Rachel Toor
Title: Shame in Academic Writing
Journal: The Chronicle of Higher Education
Date: August 31, 2011

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Author: Gerald Graff, Cathy Birkenstein
Title: They Say/I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing
Year: 2014 Page: 21

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In-text Citations: Multiple Studies

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Mary Poppins, 1968
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In-text Citations: Secondary sources

• If you read an article by Jane Adams (2018) and she cites an idea by Elizabeth Gray (2016), but you can’t find Gray’s paper...
In-text Citations: Secondary sources

• Article you read: Adams (2018)
• Origination of the idea that Adams cites: Gray (2016)

Gray’s (2016) study determined that... (as cited in Adams, 2018)
In-text Citations: Personal Communication

It is important to give credit when using another person’s ideas (J. Lee & M. McGarrah, personal communication, September 15, 2018).

Jaein Lee
Michael McGarrah  September 15, 2018
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- All publically available sources cited in the text should appear in the references list (and no others).

References

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Title: Referencing and identity, voice and agency: Adult learners' transformations within literacy practices

Journal: Higher Education Research & Development

Pages: 312-324

Author: Catherine Hutchings

Date: 2014

Volume: 33

Issue: 2


DOI: 10.1080/07294360.2013.832159
Other common sources

- Government/ think tank reports ("gray literature")
- Newspaper articles
- Blog posts
5 questions to ask before submitting an assignment...

• Does all verbatim text have quotation marks and page numbers cited?
• When paraphrasing, have I used my own words and sentence structure and properly cited the source?
• Have I correctly cited secondary sources using in text citation? (e.g. Johnson, as cited in McDonald, 2017)
• Does my reference list include all cited sources?
• Have I consulted the instructor, teaching fellow, or librarian regarding any citation rules I am not sure about?
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  - Research Databases and E-Journals
  - Internet searches
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Resources: Zotero

– Open source research management tool; store citations and create bibliographies
– Unlimited storage when you register with your Harvard e-mail address
– Supported by Harvard Libraries with training sessions
– Visit this Harvard Library guide or make an appointment with a HGSE librarian to learn more
Resources: Gutman Library

Gutman 2nd floor

- Drop-In consultation, M-F, 9am-5pm (ask at Library Main Desk)
- Library Main Desk
- Research Services
- Writing Services
- Additional computers and printing
- Quiet study space
- Group study rooms
Resources: Gutman Library

Librarians

• Research consultations by appointment
• By phone: 617-495-3421
• Online form: http://gse.harvard.edu/library
• By email: reference@gse.harvard.edu
Resources: Places

• **Access and Disability Services**
  • Chronic & temporary needs
  • Confidential

• **Academic Writing Services Center**
  • One-on-one writing consultations

• **Bureau of Study Counsel (Closing Dec 2019)/Academic Resource Center at Harvard**
  • University-wide
  • Workshops
  • Study resources
Wrap-up

• Workshop Feedback Form

• Handouts

• Q&A
This workshop has been brought to you by Gutman Library Academic Writing Services
And by the facilitators:
Simone Fried
Jae Lee
Al Moore

For more information or to schedule an appointment with a Writing Center TF, please visit the Academic Writing Services Canvas Site.

Materials available at:
https://canvas.harvard.edu/courses/11528
(Content from previous versions of this workshop; included after this slide for reference)
Personal Communication

• Include who, what, and when

• For example
  – “The Academic Writing @ Harvard workshop is awesome” (K. Dunham, personal communication, September 15, 2018).
  – In the Academic Writing @ Harvard workshop, Jaein Lee (personal communication, September 15, 2018) explained some tools to help writers avoid accidental plagiarism.
  – In a writing workshop during orientation, an instructor noted that some people at Harvard cite themselves (M. McGarrah, personal communication, September 15, 2018).
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