

Hints and Tips for EDU738

This is the place where you may find answers to course related questions and hints about ways to avoid common pitfalls related to the various assignments.

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Where can I find specific examples of APA formatting rules

(1) A very good online source of guidance is [Purdue University's OWL website](#). The website covers many of the variations you will need to deal with in terms of APA formatting guidelines.

(2) Of course you can also get information from the APA itself. They have a [website dedicated to APA formatting](#) guidelines including the option to purchase the official *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*

What are some of the common errors in writing bibliographic references?

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(2) Since many of you use the University Library's online databases, you may be tempted to provide the url from the library's website. While technically this is a link to

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the article, this link is only usable by someone who has direct access to the University library's EBSCO account. Thus, it isn't an appropriate link for a bibliographic citation. Instead, you should identify the actual database where this item came from. EBSCO itself isn't a database but rather a vendor providing access to various databases. See the screenshot below to see where you can find the actual database that the article came from.

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Premier interface. At the top, the search query is "Relationships among attitudes about homework, amount" in the "TI Title" field. Below the search bar, there are options for "AND" and "in" with dropdown menus for "Select a Field (optional)". The search results are displayed on "Page 1" and show "1 Results for...". The first result is "1. Relationships among attitudes about homework, amount" by Cooper, Harris; Lindsay, James J.; Greathouse, Scott; Nye, Barbara. The database is listed as "Academic Search Premier". A red arrow points to the text "Database: Academic Search Premier".