

Paper Guidelines

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According to APA Guidelines

(for more information, see the tutorial at <http://flash1r.apa.org/apastyle/basics/index.htm>)

Format Style

Times New Roman, 12 point, double-spaced, no hyphenation, word maximum: 4000 (without abstract and references).

Specific writing guidelines

- **Title:** The shortest but still informative summary of the paper.
- **Authors:** List the name(s) of the author(s) (the presenting author is listed at first), affiliation, contact address(es), and country.
- **Abstract (300 words):** An abstract is a summary of the entire paper. It should be accurate, self-contained, nonevaluative, coherent, and readable.
- **Keywords:** List 3 to 5 central words.
- **Theoretical background:** The central information about the theory is given in an adequate literature review (only citations relevant to the topic should be given). The research problem should be presented early. Furthermore, it should be shown how the problem is grounded, shaped, and directed by theory.
- **Aim / research question / hypotheses:** The topic of investigation is clear. Avoid ambiguous research questions. Hypotheses under investigation should be stated explicitly.
- **Method:** An adequate description of methodology is given (sample, design, materials, procedure), which is sufficiently detailed for replication. The research design is appropriate to investigate the research question.
- **Results:** Appropriate statistical techniques or qualitative data analyses are used. Inappropriate statistical analyses (e.g., lack of descriptive measures or unclear order of entry of variables in a regression analysis) are avoided. If the text contains a large number of statistics, could they be more appropriately put into tables or figures? Qualitative analyses should be described comprehensively.
- **Discussion:** Theoretical or practical implications that can be drawn from the study are identified and discussed. Conclusions, which are kept within the boundaries of the findings, are given.

- **References:** As space is at a premium, be as economical as possible. List the most relevant sources. Make sure that the references conform to APA editorial style.

Overall writing guidelines

Use a clear language. Be alert to wordiness – make every word count. Structure your paper clearly (are headings well-organized?). Be sensitive to balance in length among the different sections. Be alert to coherence (is the thread/recurrent theme identifiable?). Use APA (American Psychological Association) editorial style: <http://www.apastyle.org/>