

Guide for Authors

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Structure of Manuscript

The title and headings should be as short as possible, not exceeding 12 words. Ensure that each new paragraph is clearly indicated. Text should be justified across the whole page width. Sections should appear in the following order: title page, abstract, keywords, text, references, and appendices (if any). Number all pages consecutively, beginning with the abstract/text page, and insert the page number at the bottom of each page.

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The Abstract page should include the title of the manuscript, an abstract of not more than 150 words and a list of keywords. The abstract should state briefly the purpose of the research, the methodology, and the main conclusions and implications.

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Place acknowledgements, including information on grants received, in a separate section before the References section, and not as a footnote on the title page.
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Do not use footnotes or endnotes. Incorporate the information into the text or delete the notes.
- Appendices
If there is more than one appendix, they should be identified as A, B, etc.

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Equations should be numbered consecutively. Equation numbers are enclosed in parentheses such as (1), (2), etc.
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Figures should be kept to a minimum and must be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals (1, 2, etc.). They must be black and white with minimum shading. Each figure must have a caption.
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Sample References

■ Journal Article

Stank, T.P., Goldsby, T.J., Vickery, S.K., Savitskie, K. (2003) Logistics service performance: Estimating its influence on market share. *Journal of Business Logistics*, 24(1), 27-55.

Zuckerman, M., Kieffer, S.C. (in press) Race differences in face-ism: Does facial prominence imply dominance? *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

■ Book

Hall, M., Knapp, J., Winsten, C. (1961) *Distribution in Great Britain and North America*. Oxford University Press, England.

■ Book Chapter

Nemeth, C.J., Nemeth-Brown, B. (2003) Better than individuals? The potential benefits of dissent and diversity for group creativity. In P.B. Paulus (Ed.) *Group Creativity: Innovation through Collaboration*. Oxford University Press, London, pp. 63-84.

■ Conference Proceedings Paper

Cynx, J., Williams, H., Nottebohm, F. (1992) Hemispheric differences in avian song discrimination. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA*, 89, 1372-1375.

■ Newsletter Article

New drug appears to sharply cut risks of death from heart failure (1993, July 15) *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

Brown, L.S. (Spring 1993) Antidomination training as a central component of diversity in clinical psychology education. *The Clinical Psychologist*, 46, 83-87.

■ Technical and Research Report

Mazzeo, J., Druesne, B., Raffeld, P.C., Checketts, K.T., Muhlatein, A. (1991) Comparability of computer and paper-and-pencil scores for two CLEP general examinations (College Board Rep. No. 91-95). Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1992) Pressure ulcers in adults: Prediction and prevention (AHCPR Publication No. 92-0047). Author, Rockville, MD.

■ Unpublished Work or Working Paper

Ross, D.F. (1990) Unconscious transference and mistaken identity: When a witness misidentifies a familiar but innocent person from a lineup. (Doctoral dissertation, Cornell University, 1990) Dissertation Abstracts International, 51, 417.

Wilfley, D.E. (1989) Interpersonal analyses of bulimia: Normal weight and obese. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Lanktree, C., Briere, J. (January 1991) Early data on the trauma symptom checklist for children (TSC-C). Paper presented at the meeting of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, San Diego, CA.

■ Citing and Listing of Web References.

Electronic reference formats recommended by the American Psychological Association. (October 12, 2000) <http://www.apa.org/journals/webref.html>, Accessed October 23, 2000.

Eid, M., Langeheine, R. (1999) The measurement of consistency and occasion specificity with latent class models: A new model and its application to the measurement of affect. *Psychological Methods*, 4, 100-116. The PsycARTICLES database, Accessed November 19, 2000.

Note that journal titles should not be abbreviated.

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