

APA Sample Paper 7th Edition

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First, make sure your paper is formatted to size 12, Times New Roman style font and set to double-spaced. Also, all margins should be set to 1 inch all around. Begin the first paragraph of your APA paper with a half-inch indent. Your first sentence is what should immediately follow the title. Some professors might ask for different sections of your paper, indicated by bolded titles. The first bolded title will be centered (as shown above), any other titles within the paper will be justified left, lined up with the rest of the text. If the professor has not mentioned the use of bolded titles for different sections, then follow the format provided in this sample.

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