

How and When to Cite in Psych 367

Q: When do I need to cite a source?

A: Whenever you use information that you didn't know before you came into the class, you need to cite it. This includes (but isn't limited to):

- Definitions of concepts
- Explanations of theories
- References to ideas

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A: In general, you write the location from which you received the information in parentheses after the information. The exact format will vary by the source of the material:

1) If the material comes from lecture

In-text citation:

Example: Social psychology includes the study of attraction (Zorwick, 1/5/00).

References Section:

Smith, A. B. (2003, March 4). *Abnormal Behaviors*. Presented at a PSY 235 lecture at Purdue University.

2) If the material comes from your textbook

In-text citation:

First Time - Example: Social psychology includes the study of attraction (Aronson, Wilson & Akert, p. 3).

Second and all later times - Example: Social psychology includes the study of attraction (Aronson et al., p. 3).

References Section:

Helfer, M. E., Keme, R. S., & Drugman, R. D. (1997). *The battered child* (5th ed.). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

3) If the material comes from an outside source

In-Text Citation:

Example: Attitudes can be changed through two different processes (Petty & Cacioppo, 1986).

References Section (for a Journal Article):

Harlow, H. F. (1983). Fundamentals for preparing psychology journal articles. *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*, 55, 893-896.