

Session No. 19

Session Title: Style and Format of Research Papers

Time: 1 hour

Objectives

By the end of this session, the student should—

- 19.1 Be familiar with the basic outline and style components of a research paper written according to the American Psychological Association (APA) Publication Manual and NASA's Publication Guide.
- 19.2 Be familiar with the basic components and style of an evaluation plan.

Scope

The format and style used to prepare research and analysis papers can be the same or similar to those used for preparing articles for publication. One widely used format is detailed in the publication manual of the American Psychological Association, fourth edition. This session also cites an excellent student paper on hazard analysis (in Readings Appendix).

Readings (model student paper)

Aloyo, O. O., and Hodge, M. M. (1998). Orange County (Florida) Hazard Mitigation Study: Results and Recommendations. Reprinted in the Readings Appendix.

References

American Psychological Association. Manual of Style. Fourth Edition. (1994). Washington, DC.

Vidoli, Carol A. (1998). Technical Report Writing. NASA Technical Memorandum 105419. Cleveland, Ohio: NASA Lewis Research Center.
<http://www.lerc.nasa.gov/WWW/STI/editing/vidcover.htm>

APA Style Resources: Links to APA style guides and help sheets on the Internet.
<http://www.psych-web.com/resource/apacrib.htm>

Guidelines for Writing in APA Style, by William U. Borst, Troy State University.
<http://www.lidl.net/~bill/apatwo.htm>