

Handout Number 30

How to Start a Research Paper Following the APA Style

- Narrow down the topic / It's easier if you ask yourself a question.
- Do pre-reading and go to the library for sources.
- Do a preliminary outline.
- Do the bibliography cards by referring to the reference page handout.
- Do the note cards:

Write the summary, paraphrase or quotation on the note card without forgetting to cite or do in text documentation.

- Write the thesis statement and formal outline.
- Write the reference page in alphabetical order following the first word of each reference.
- Write and type the first draft.
It should include:
 - a) Title page.
 - b) Formal outline.
 - c) Introduction, body and conclusion where all the information of the note cards must be documented.
 - d) Reference Page.
 - e) Pagination on the right hand side of each paper starting with the outline page e.g. (Pollution 1).
- After you receive your first draft with the professor's comments, work on the final draft.