Dissertation Reference List Help Sheet - draft

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General Overview and Information

• This Help Sheet will help to prepare you for the Attribution/Citation review of your dissertation.
• Your dissertation is your debut document as a scholar. With proper attribution you will meet scholarly standards and you will protect yourself from accusations of plagiarism.
• You will always need the most recent Dissertation Handbook and the most recent Manual for your Style as you prepare.
• The Attribution/Citation review only addresses format insomuch as it relates to proper attribution. A full format review by the WEX Writing Center follows this review. They are the experts on format.

Reference List

DOI [Digital Object Identifiers]
About DOI:

- Persistent identifier essential to 21st century scholarly citation and attribution
- Required in APA and Chicago
- Digital identifier of an object, not necessarily an identifier of a digital object. Thus, print journal articles still may have a DOI.
- Most scholarly journal articles have been assigned a DOI. Many books, reports and even book chapters also have DOIs. At this writing, non-peer reviewed journals, e.g. Harvard Business Review, have not yet assigned DOIs.
- All DOIs are links, but not all links are DOIs.

Where to find a DOI:

- Look Up: CrossRef - [https://www.crossref.org/](https://www.crossref.org/) – Search Metadata – is a central location for discovering DOIs.
- Publisher’s website for article. See example: [https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1048984317303466](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1048984317303466)
- Within the database record, e.g. PsycINFO record [http://web.b.ebscohost.com.antioch.idm.oclc.org/ehost/detail/detail?vid=3&sid=0837e60d-0e65-41d4-844e-fee00523bc77%40sessionmgr103&bdata=JnNpdGU9](http://web.b.ebscohost.com.antioch.idm.oclc.org/ehost/detail/detail?vid=3&sid=0837e60d-0e65-41d4-844e-fee00523bc77%40sessionmgr103&bdata=JnNpdGU9)
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- **Refworks:** Note that if you IMPORT a record from a database with a DOI in the metadata, it is automatically included in the record.

- **On the item itself.**

### Format of the DOI

- There are three acceptable formats for the DOI at the end of the record…
  
  o [http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/arc0000014](http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/arc0000014) (older but still accepted format)
  
  o doi:10.1037/arc0000014 (older but still accepted format)
  
  o [https://doi.org/10.1037/ar](https://doi.org/10.1037/ar) (newer preferred format)

- The 2017-2018 Dissertation Handbook accepts all three.

- Chosen DOI format **must be consistent** throughout the list of reference.


### DOIs vs. “Retrieved from” Links

- DOIs always take precedence. Never use a “Retrieved from” link, when a DOI is available.
About “Retrieved from” links in your Reference List

- Never use a link if a DOI exists
- Malware sites: Find a better alternative
  - Do not link to resources that leave malware on your readers’ systems. If you start seeing ads for something you bought at Amazon, you have landed on a malware site.
  - What to use instead? Is there a scholarly source that would be better anyway? For example, why cite a freeware dictionary when we have access to the most authoritative dictionary, the Oxford English Dictionary.
- Make sure the Link still works!
- Do not cite or link to illegal sites which themselves may be in violation of copyright, e.g. academic.edu, etc.
- Do not include links with code INSIDE the password wall. For example, If you used a definition in the Oxford Dictionary Online you might have a URL like this:
  
  The red part indicates this link is behind our password wall and this link would not be very useful for anyone. Just removing the red part
would take your reader to a general login, but only for some users.
Best Practice: Step back and make a link just to the online resource’s corporate website instead – just the beginning of the URL. That is authentic. That is where the information came from and the reader could purchase access or not.

Check with the librarian if you cannot find a good alternative to your malware or passworded web site.

**Relationship in APA Style: In-Text Citations to Reference List**

- In APA style writing every reference in the list must correspond to an in-text citation and vice versa.
- Please double-check as this is a very common error in the final format review.
- Personal communications are cited in text only.