**APA Format Guidelines: (also see Purdue OWL APA Format website)**

1. **General Format**: ***Entire paper*** double-spaced with 1" margins on all sides in 12-point Times New Roman font. **4 Main sections:** ***Title Page, Abstract, Main Body, and References***.

2. **Title Page**: Centered on upper half of the page and Double-Spaced:

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3. **Running Head**: On the title page upper left corner (at 1" margin), indicate the following:

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6. **Reference Page:** At the top of the last page of your paper, center the word References (no quotations, bold or underlining).

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* All lines after the first line of each entry is indented 1/2 inch (this is called a hanging indentation).
* Authors' names for each reference are listed alphabetically with last name first then a comma, first initial and the year in parenthesis. (See website for format with multiple authors)
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