

**St. Louis Community College
Psychology Paper
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Written Paper APA-Style CHECKLIST**

Does my paper meet the following requirements?

- Spell-check** run
- Title page** matches APA format (see sample paper)
- Reference page** uses APA format (see sample paper)
- The **Introduction** lists every topic discussed in the paper
- The **Conclusion** also lists every topic discussed in the paper
- Items in a series of three or more include a **comma** between **each item** (e.g., Cognitive psychology addresses the topics of attention, memory, and sensory processing.)
- Contractions** are spelled out (e.g., do not—not don't)
- First use of an **acronym** is spelled out with abbreviation in parentheses—American Psychological Association (APA)
- Every **paragraph** must contain at least **three** sentences
- Every concept/finding that you did not discover on your own by doing your own research **must be referenced** or this is considered **plagiarism**. This results in several references per paragraph.

***When finished have someone who has experience writing academic papers proof read your paper and make changes you find needed.
Good luck!