

### APA tips/reminders

- Running head: SHORT TITLE, then SHORT TITLE (left side)
- Abstract: update to reflect completed findings; past tense (not future) (no indent)
- Intro: label with title (not 'intro'), starts new page; indent paragraphs (no line skip)  
Avoid excessive quotes; end with your hypothesis (start broad, end narrow)  
\* not a list of articles for the sake of listing articles! Integrate & flow!
- Citations: author (year) ... or ... (author, year). Page # only if specific quote
- References section: reverse indent; no weird CAPS; all must be cited in paper!
- Include all sections & subsections (and label them)
- Methods/analysis: op. def's should be clear for all variables- what/how measuring!
- \* Careful with 'correlate': specific meaning! vs. 'associated with', 'affected by', etc.
- Never 'prove' ; just support or fail to support hypotheses  
Sound neutral, i.e. 'examine' or 'investigate', but don't set out to 'prove'

(following tips relevant for statistical analysis/ results & discussion sections)

- Figure: refer to it in results but goes in appendix section (at the very end)! Caption!

For comparing groups, graph means (not all raw data) & include error bars

- Results: no separate subsection titles, but make sure both descriptives (means & SD's of each subgroup) and inferential (which analysis, which variables, test statistic, p-value or decision) are included; state key findings (e.g. r-value) in words  
APA style! E.g.  $F(2,18) = 1.37, p > .05$

- Round #'s to convention (typically nearest hundredth or tenth)

Don't need play-by-play of stats calculations here or in methods ☺

- Discussion: great place to connect your findings with previous studies! (expand)  
Don't talk about diff's as meaningful if not sig.  
Absence of proof ≠ proof of absence!