

PRM 447 Research Methods – Writing Assignments - Comment Key

Comment #	Required Correction
Formatting Corrections	
1	Missing or incomplete title page - Title page should have title, student's name, class number and name, and date
2	Missing page numbers - Pages should be numbered consecutively (top right hand corner). Beginning with the title page. APA, p. 230
3	Margins set at 1 inch (top, bottom, left and right)
4	All text should be left justified.
5	All font size should be 12 points
6	Do not indent paragraphs
7	Lines should be double spaced
8	Do not leave a blank line between paragraphs
9	Any charts and graphs should be titled and shown on one page
Punctuation & Grammar Corrections	
10	Do not capitalize
11	Capitalize all proper names
12	Delete this word
13	Needs a comma
14	Needs a period
15	Misspelled word
16	Spell out all acronyms for the first use - Example National Park Service (NPS)
In-text Citations & Quotation Corrections	
17	Need to cite a source for this statement/information. Example: Outdoor recreation has continued to decline among specific ethnic groups over the past decade (Johnson, 2015). See APA Manual, p. 174-176
18	Incorrect in-text citation: the comma goes inside the quotation mark. Example: The best was the "creation story," from the tribal elder.
19	Incorrect in-text citation: Example: Smith (2013) described the recreation program as well developed. Example: The study was conducted in a local park (Smith, 2013). See APA Manual, p. 174-176
20	Incorrect in-text punctuation: The period goes after the citation. Example: The activity was based on backpacking skills (Smith, 2013).
21	Incorrect citation - multiple authors. For the first use, all authors must be listed. Example: The use of technology has had a significant impact on outdoor recreation activities (Smith, Brown, & Jones, 2014). See APA Manual, p. 175
22	Incorrect citation - et al is used after the first citation of a reference with multiple authors. Example: The use of technology has had a significant impact on outdoor recreation activities (Smith et al, 2014). See APA Manual, p. 175.
23	This is the APA format for a direct quote. Where are the quotation marks?
24	Incorrect in-text quotation: Use quotation marks for a direct quote and cite the study at the end of the quote. Example: "Outdoor recreation has declined among individuals over 60 years old" (Johnson, 2015, para 3). or (Johnson, 2015, p. 3). See APA Manual, p. 170. Example: According to Johnson, "Outdoor recreation has declined among individuals over 60 years old" (2015, para 3). or (2015, p. 3).APA, p. 170.

25	<p>Incorrect in-text quotation. Any quote with 40 or more words must be in a freestanding block of text and omit the quotation marks. APA, p. 170-171.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>In order to gather data, the authors searched databases, journals, and review articles published between 2010 and February 2013. The articles being searched had these characteristics,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Findings specific to an after-school intervention in the school setting; subjects aged 18 years; an intervention component designed to promote physical activity; outcome measures of physical activity, related constructs, and/or physical fitness. Study outcomes were distilled into six domains: physical activity, physical fitness, body composition, blood lipids, psychosocial constructs, and sedentary activities. Effect sizes were calculated within and across studies for each domain, separately. (Ross & Williams, 2013, ¶ 5)</p>
References Corrections – (References are listed at the end of the paper)	
26	Missing a Reference list. References are required for ALL writing assignments.
27	Incorrect Reference list title. Use References, not Works Cited, Citations or Bibliography.
28	Incorrect reference format in the Reference List. APA Guidelines or APA Manual, pp. 198-224.
29	Incorrect reference format in the Reference List. APA uses the author's first initial, not the first name.

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