

Explanatory notes version 2021 Guidelines for Papers - Faculty of Archaeology

Background

Ten years ago, a choice was made for a faculty reference style, a solution that had to be acceptable to several disciplines, each with their own tradition. The document was managed by the Director of Education. In March 2020 the document reference style was transferred to the Examination Board. *Several lecturers have raised problems with the old guidelines with the board of examiners in recent years.* The Examination Board has written a revision in consultation with the education director. It is the wish of the examination committee and the education director that a future curriculum coordinator will take care of the guidelines in the future.

Three problems

The faculty reference style is unique and does not match with other reference styles. This means that in programmes such as Endnote or Mendeley, one cannot choose our style and cannot make use of the service offered by the University Library via "citation". A second and much more important problem is that comprehensive manuals on the style do not exist, whereas for other styles comprehensive manuals are available. The third problem is that the format of the literature lists for our theses leaves something to be desired is our experience as Excie; something that the BA/MA visitation committee also noted in 2019.

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For both practical and teaching quality reasons, the proposal is to choose an existing style that is as close as possible to the current style (textnotes, no footnotes and system of author+journal+paginanumber).

The University Library offers five styles under the heading "citation", namely APA, Chicago/Turban, De Buck, Harvard and MLC. APA and Harvard are close to our current style, but only APA consistently opts for page numbers. Therefore, APA has been elaborated here. This is APA version 7 launched in 2020, it differs from APA6 in minor ways.

The official website of APA is: <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

The website is very extensive, but otherwise there are also books in the library such as Mastering APA or Manual APA.