**Required Formatting Styles for Critical Thinking Paper**

Before you begin writing your paper, you should first consider which formatting style you will be using. In this course, you are allowed to choose the one that you are more familiar with, or the one that will ultimately be the style most often used within your major.

This is a research paper, not a Discussion Board Forum, so it is required that your paper will be formatted and cited using one of the following styles.

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| **How do I know the formatting style for my field of study (or major)?** | | |
| **Liberty Writing Center – Writing Aids:** <http://www.liberty.edu/academics/graduate/writing/index.cfm?PID=12268> | | |
| **APA** | Mostly used for courses related to Social Science: Business, Counseling, Education, Biology, and Sports Management. | [APA Quick Guide](http://www.liberty.edu/academics/graduate/writing/index.cfm?PID=11960)  An APA Sample paper is included as a PDF file |
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