

Integrating Sources

- Academic writing stresses sound research practices and supported claims. In order to write well, authors must research multiple sources to determine the majority opinion in the field. Next, authors must assemble a logical argument and support their claims with the research sources.

Golden Guidelines

1. Authors should use research to support claims by ghost writing and using signal phrases (see *A Guide to Paraphrasing Correctly* for more information).
2. Authors should avoid quoting long passages from sources. Instead, they should paraphrase information so that their readers can understand how the information relates specifically to the context of their paper.
 1. However, authors should use block quotes if the audience must know the exact information in a quoted passage, or if the author will refer to the passage multiple times throughout the paper for the purpose of their argument.
3. Authors can strengthen their argument by using multiple sources within each paragraph. Doing so creates credibility within the author's point by demonstrating how multiple sources interact on the topic.
4. Authors should follow the specific writing style format of their discipline (APA, MLA, or Turabian/Chicago).

A Golden Example

1. Used signal phrase

According to Ikeda (2015), Café Moka possessed the best coffee because of the store's "variety," "accurate pricing," and "proximity" to Regent's campus (p. 64). She claimed that the baristas know more and can create a plethora of beverages because of their training through "counter-culture" (Ikeda, 2015, p. 70). In contrast, Waples (2016) argued that, despite the longer drive, Elliot's Fairgrounds crafts superior coffee (p. 46). Her research indicates that Fairgrounds sells a "wider selection" of products and the "atmosphere" surpasses that of Café Moka's (p. 39).

3. Made multiple sources interact

4. Followed APA citation guidelines

2. Paraphrased information with key words in quotation marks