Basics
- Style guide: APSA—The American Political Science Association (http://www.apsanet.org/)

Some Style Specifics
- APSA uses headings, parenthetical citations for all sources, and includes a reference list at the end of all essays.
- APSA’s parenthetical citation format is (Author Year of Publication, Page Number).
  - Example: (Jones 1992, 55).
  - Omit page number if citing an entire book. Example: (Smith 2009).

Format of an Essay
- Introduction
- Body Paragraphs
- Conclusion

Some Suggested Journals and Databases
- The Importance of Writing Well, from Dr. Tan: http://people.uncw.edu/tanp/WritingWell.html
- APSA publishes several journals:
  - The American Political Science Review, available online with your UNCW login information at http://unclclc.coast.uncwil.edu/record=b1299852~S4.
  - Perspectives on Politics, available online at http://unclclc.coast.uncwil.edu/record=b1877046~S4.
- JStor
- LexisNexis
- Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS)
- Project Muse
- Ebscohost

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