**APA 7th Edition Pre-Submission Checklist**

**Please use the following checklist to check for any formatting or citation errors after you have completed writing and before you submit the paper:**

* Sections of an APA paper: title page, text of paper, and reference page.
* Title Page: **Title Format:** Center the title on title page in title case, bold, centered, and positioned in the upper half of the title page. **Author, Affiliation (school name), Course, Instructor, Due Date, Page Number:** one blank double-spaced line between the paper title and the author. Center - First name, middle initial(s), and last name; Center – Affiliation; Center – Course; Center – Instructor; Center – Due Date; Flush right header – Page-numbering for all pages.
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