Integrating Sources APA Style

Verbatim Quotes
Before you select quotations, ask yourself how they will support the point you are making. Select only quotations that are directly relevant. Try not to over cite.

The “hit and run” quotation is a citation with no lead-in sentence or follow-up statement. Avoid “hit and run” quotations because they fail to make your thinking explicit.

Frame your quotations – insert them into a “quotation sandwich”
1. introduce the quotation to explain who is speaking
2. follow up with a statement to explain why the quote is significant and how it relates to the point you are making

Examples for introducing quotations
3. In her research, Miller (2005) found “    ” (p. ).
4. Many researchers have commented on the side effects of major construction projects. For instance, the exponential growth of rodents in the years of the Harbor Tunnel project was “unprecedented in the history of Boston” (Jones, 2000, p. 35).

Block Quotes
Direct quotations longer than 40 words should be in a free-standing block. Omit quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line. Hit “Tab” to indent. Maintain double-spacing throughout. The parenthetical citation comes after the closing punctuation mark.

Jones's (1998) study found that:

Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time citing sources. This difficulty could be attributed to the fact that many students failed to purchase a style manual or to ask their teacher for help. (p. 199)

Paraphrasing or Summarizing
If you are paraphrasing or summarizing ideas from another work, make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text citation. Do not cite page numbers.

According to Jones (1998), APA style is a difficult citation format for first-year students.