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APA Style Question of the Month



Q: In an APA Style reference, when a work's title includes an acronym, should the acronym remain uppercase or be changed to lowercase?—*paraphrased from Jennifer Louise, master of science in nursing and registered nurse, Phoenix, Arizona, United States*—via **Facebook**

A: Any acronyms, initialisms, and abbreviations that appear in the work's title should remain in uppercase. Those with mixed casing (e.g., fMRI) should keep the mixed casing.

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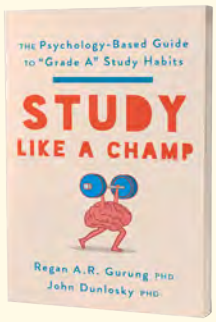
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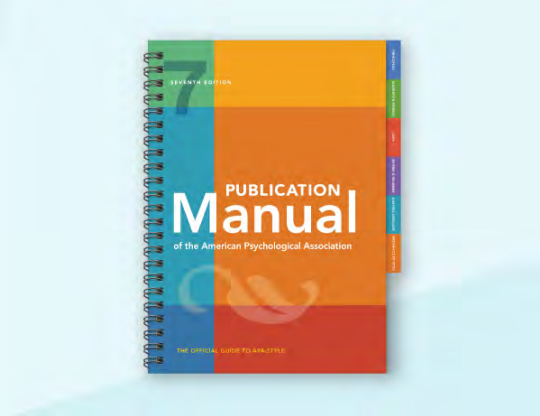
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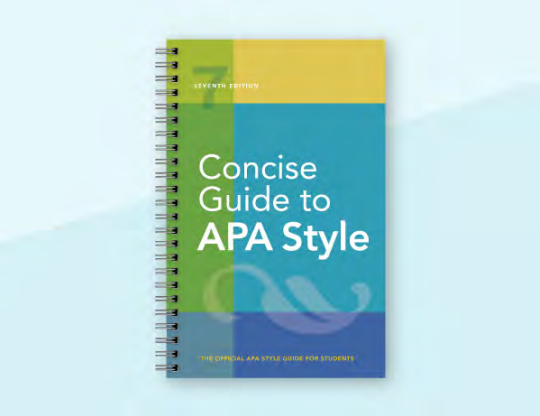
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