

Citation Style Guides

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Common Citation Style Guides for Non-STEM Fields

Below are quick tips for the citation style guides commonly used in non-STEM fields. Please refer to your specific style guide for more specific information on formatting in-text citations and references.

APA (American Psychological Association)

- References should be cited parenthetically in the text by author and year of publication.
- References should be listed alphabetically by first author's last name.
- References with six or more authors are cited using the first author's name followed by et al.
- All author names are included in the references, except for references with more than seven authors. In those cases, after the sixth author's name, use an ellipses in place of the author names. Then provide the final author name. There should be no more than seven names.

Chicago Manual of Style

Notes and Bibliography

- In-text citations are numbered and correspond to the superscripted note reference numbers in the text. Notes are formatted as footnotes.
- Subsequent citations of an individual source need only include a short form.
- References should be listed alphabetically by first author's last name.
- For four or more authors, list all of the authors in the bibliography; in the footnote, list only the first author, followed by *et al.*

Author-Date

- References should be cited parenthetically in the text by author, year of publication, and page numbers.
- References should be listed alphabetically by first author's last name.
- For four or more authors, list all of the authors in the bibliography; in the footnote, list only the first author, followed by *et al.*

MLA (Modern Language Association)

- In-text citations follow the author-page method.
- References should be listed alphabetically by first author's last name.
- Indent the second and subsequent lines of citations by 0.5 inches to create a hanging indent.
- If you have cited more than one work by a particular author, order the entries alphabetically by title, and use three hyphens in place of the author's name for every entry after the first.

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