Author-Date: Sample Citations

The following examples illustrate the author-date system. Each example of a reference list entry is accompanied by an example of a corresponding in-text citation. For more details and many more examples, see chapter 15 of The Chicago Manual of Style. For examples of the same citations using the notes and bibliography system, follow the Notes and Bibliography link above.

**Book**

**Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)**


**In-text citations**

(Grazer and Fishman 2015, 12)

(Smith 2016, 315–16)

For more examples, see 15.40–45 in The Chicago Manual of Style.

**Chapter or other part of an edited book**

In the reference list, include the page range for the chapter or part. In the text, cite specific pages.

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(Thoreau 2016, 177–78)
In some cases, you may want to cite the collection as a whole instead.

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(D’Agata 2016, 177–78)

For more details, see 15.36 and 15.42 in *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

**Translated book**

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(Lahiri 2016, 146)

**E-book**

For books consulted online, include a URL or the name of the database in the reference list entry. For other types of e-books, name the format. If no fixed page numbers are available, cite a section title or a chapter or other number in the text, if any (or simply omit).

**Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)**


**In-text citations**

(Austen 2007, chap. 3)

(Borel 2016, 92)

(Kurland and Lerner 1987, chap. 10, doc. 19)

(Melville 1851, 627)

**Journal article**

In the reference list, include the page range for the whole article. In the text, cite specific page numbers. For articles consulted online, include a URL or the name of the database in the reference list entry. Many journal articles list a DOI (Digital Object Identifier). A DOI forms a permanent URL that begins https://doi.org/. This URL is preferable to the URL that appears in your browser’s address bar.

**Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)**


**In-text citations**

(Keng, Lin, and Orazem 2017, 9–10)

(LaSalle 2017, 95)
Journal articles often list many authors, especially in the sciences. If there are four or more authors, list up to ten in the reference list; in the text, list only the first, followed by *et al.* (“and others”). For more than ten authors (not shown here), list the first seven in the reference list, followed by *et al.*

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(Bay et al. 2017, 465)

For more examples, see 15.46–49 in *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

**News or magazine article**

Articles from newspapers or news sites, magazines, blogs, and the like are cited similarly. In the reference list, it can be helpful to repeat the year with sources that are cited also by month and day. Page numbers, if any, can be cited in the text but are omitted from a reference list entry. If you consulted the article online, include a URL or the name of the database.

**Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)**


**In-text citation**

(Manjoo 2017)

(Mead 2017, 43)

(Pai 2017)

(Pegoraro 2007)

Readers’ comments are cited in the text but omitted from a reference list.

**In-text citation**

(Eduardo B [Los Angeles], March 9, 2017, comment on Manjoo 2017)

For more examples, see 15.49 (newspapers and magazines) and 15.51(blogs) in *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

**Book review**

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(Kakutani 2016)

**Interview**

**Reference list entry**

**In-text citation**

(Stamper 2017)

**Thesis or dissertation**

**Reference list entry**


**In-text citation**

(Rutz 2013, 99–100)

**Website content**

It is often sufficient simply to describe web pages and other website content in the text (“As of May 1, 2017, Yale’s home page listed . . .”). If a more formal citation is needed, it may be styled like the examples below. For a source that does not list a date of publication or revision, use *n.d.* (for “no date”) in place of the year and include an access date.

**Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)**


In-text citations

(Bouman 2016)

(Google 2017)

(Yale University n.d.)

For more examples, see 15.50–52 in The Chicago Manual of Style. For multimedia, including live performances, see 15.57.

Social media content

Citations of content shared through social media can usually be limited to the text (as in the first example below). If a more formal citation is needed, a reference list entry may be appropriate. In place of a title, quote up to the first 160 characters of the post. Comments are cited in reference to the original post.

Text

Conan O’Brien’s tweet was characteristically deadpan: “In honor of Earth Day, I’m recycling my tweets” (@ConanOBrien, April 22, 2015).

Reference list entries (in alphabetical order)


In-text citations

(Chicago Manual of Style 2015)

(Souza 2016)

(Michele Truty, April 17, 2015, 1:09 p.m., comment on Chicago Manual of Style 2015)
Personal communication

Personal communications, including email and text messages and direct messages sent through social media, are usually cited in the text only; they are rarely included in a reference list.

In-text citation

(Sam Gomez, Facebook message to author, August 1, 2017)