

CHICAGO (18TH EDITION): AUTHOR AND DATE

The **Chicago Manual of Style** has two alternative systems of citing sources, named Author-Date and Notes and Bibliography. In this handout, we review the Author-Date system, which requires two elements to document sources in a paper: **in-text citations** and a **reference list**.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations should include the author's last name and year of publication in parentheses next to the quoted or paraphrased material. Unlike APA, in the Chicago style there is no comma between the author's last name and year of publication. However, the page number should be separated by a comma. See below for examples.

Paraphrased & Quoted Examples

There is some flexibility in where the citation appears, based on how the source material is presented:

Direct quote: The citation can appear after the author is mentioned or at the end of the quote.

- Smith (2015, 50) stated that “illegal waste disposal led to the water contamination.”
- Smith stated that “illegal waste disposal led to the water contamination” (2010, 50).

Paraphrased material: The citation can be placed after the author is mentioned or, if the author is not mentioned, with their name at the end of the sentence.

- Sokolowski and Matt (2008, 355) assert that philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle...
- Philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle... (Sokolowski and Matt 2008, 355).

REFERENCE LIST

The reference list on which you fully present your sources should come at the end of the document as a new page and should be titled “References.” Do not bold, italicize, or use quotation marks around this title. Entries on the reference list should be alphabetized and single-spaced, with an extra space between them. Make sure to use hanging indents (0.5 inches). The reference list does not include page numbers.

Below are examples taken from the Chicago Manual of Style’s website. Note that the list is not exhaustive.

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