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CSE Quick Citation Guide

About CSE Style

The Council of Scientific Editors' (CSE) Style Manual may be used when citing references in all disciplines of science and related fields. The following guide, using the citation-sequence system, is based on the CSE Manual (8th ed.), published in 2015. For more extensive rules and examples of the CSE Style, refer to the [Scientific Style and Format Quick Guide](#). You can also ask a librarian for assistance.

Guidelines for In-Text Citations

- In the citation-sequence system, references are given superscripted numbers before the final punctuation mark of the sentence. These are sequentially numbered in the order in which they first appear in the text.
- The next time the same source is referenced, regardless of where in the paper that citation occurs, the same superscripted number will be used.
- It is possible to cite more than one reference within a sentence by using superscript sequence of numbers separated by commas (no spaces).
- If three or more numbers are used in one continuous sequence, use the first and last number of the sequence joined by a hyphen.
- The citations are listed numerically in the References page(s).

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Guidelines for Formatting Reference List

- Start the reference list on a new page, continuing the page numbers from the body of the paper.
- The title of the page (“References”) should be placed flush-left an inch from the top of the page.
- CSE does not specify a preferred line spacing, but for reading clarity double-space the list within and between entries.
- Arrange entries flush-left and numerically by their in-text order of appearance.
- Capitalize only the first word of the title, proper nouns, and nouns followed by numerals or letters.
- Journal titles are condensed according to the [ISSN International Centre’s List of Title Word Abbreviations](#), which shortens significant words and omits insignificant ones.
- If sources were used but not cited in the paper, list them alphabetically by author under the heading “Additional References.”

Books

Book with One Author or Editor

General Format

In-Text Citation

Superscripted Number(s)

References

Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Book title: subtitle. Edition. City of Publication (State): Publisher; Year.

Example

In-Text Citation

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The release or absorption of heat is a central factor in any chemical reaction, condensation process, or phase change within a planet's atmosphere¹.

References

¹Lewis JS. Physics and chemistry of the solar system. 2nd ed. Amsterdam: Elsevier Academic Press; 2004.

Book with Two or More Authors or Editors

General Format

In-Text Citation

Superscripted Number(s)

References

Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial, Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Book title: subtitle. Edition. City of Publication (State): Publisher; Year.

Example

In-Text Citation

There are multiple definitions for the term data cluster, so the researchers examined several clustering criteria².

References

²Price KV, Storn RM, Lampinen JA. Differential evolution: a practical approach to global optimization. Berlin: Springer; 2005.

Chapters in an Edited Volume/Anthology

General Format

In-Text Citation

Superscripted Number(s)

References

Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Title of chapter. In: Editor Surname First InitialSecond Initial, editor(s), Book title: subtitle. Edition. City of Publication (State), Publisher; Year. inclusive page numbers of chapter.

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Example
In-Text Citation
Another vital factor in computer security is that of network security ³ .
References
³ Zimmer, S. Computer security. In: Franceschetti DR, editor. Principles of computer science. Ipswich (MA): Salem Press; 2016. p. 81-83.

Entry in a Print Reference Work (e.g., Encyclopedia or Dictionary)
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Title of specific entry. In: Editor Surname First InitialSecond Initial (Ed.), Book title: subtitle. Edition. Volume number. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Inclusive page numbers.
Example
In-Text Citation
Esophageal cancer ranks as the eighth most common cancer in the world ⁴ .
References
⁴ Pescarus R, Dunst CM. Esophageal cancer. In: Miller KD, Simon M (Eds.), Global perspectives on cancer: incidence, care, and experience. Vol. 2. Santa Barbara (CA): Praeger; 2015. p. 87-100.

eBook
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References

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Author Surname, First InitialSecond Initial. Book title: subtitle. Edition. City of Publication (State): Publisher; Year [accessed date]. URL.
Example
In-Text Citation
Discovered in the late 1980s and early 1990s, angiogenesis (VEGF) is the most widespread proangiogenic factor implicated in cancer growth ⁵ .
References
⁵ Ruddon RW. Cancer biology. 4th ed. New York (NY): Oxford University Press; 2007 [accessed 2021 Nov. 17]. https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=e000xna&AN=191548&site=ehost-live .

Periodicals

Print Journal Article with One Author
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Article title: subtitle. Abbreviated journal title. Year; Volume(issue):inclusive page numbers.
Example
In-Text Citation
The size of protein fibers determine the quantity of contact sites, which are slightly connected to force transmission and propagation ⁶ .
References
⁶ Engelke H. Physics of the extracellular matrix and biology of tumors—a close relationship. Biophys. reviews & letters. 2020;15(3):121-130.

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Journal Article with Two or More Authors
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial, Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Article title: subtitle. Abbreviated journal title. Year;Volume(issue):inclusive page numbers.
Example
In-Text Citation
Disembedding has been identified by professional meteorologists as an important spatial thinking skill ⁷ .
References
⁷ McNeal P, Petcovic H, Bals-Elsholz T, Ellis T. Seeing weather through chaos: a case study of disembedding skills in undergraduate meteorology students. Bull. Am. Meteorol. Soc. 2019;100(6):997-1010.

Journal Article from a Database
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial, Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial, Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Article title. Abbreviated journal title [Internet]. Year Month Day [accessed Year Month Day];inclusive page numbers. URL.
Example
In-Text Citation
Between 1985 and 2014, large wildfires in the Great Plains region increased significantly, with high temperatures, low humidity, and greater wind speeds being contributing factors ^{8,9} .
References

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⁸Steiner JL, Wetter J, Robertson S, Teet S, Wang J, Wu X, Zhou Y, Brown D, Xiao X. Grassland wildfires in the Southern Great Plains: monitoring ecological impacts and recovery. *Remote Sens.* [Internet]. 2020 Feb. [accessed 2021 Nov. 30];12(4):619. <https://www.mdpi.com/2072-4292/12/4/619/htm>.

⁹Tavakol A, Rahmani, Harrington J. Temporal and spatial variations in the frequency of compound hot, dry, and windy events in the central United States. *Sci. Reps.* [Internet]. 2020 Sept. 24 [accessed 2021 Nov. 30];10(15691):1-13. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-72624-0>.

Magazine Article with One Author

General Format

In-Text Citation

Superscripted Number(s)

References

Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Article title: subtitle. Abbreviated magazine title. Year Month Day:inclusive page numbers.

Example

In-Text Citation

Scientists at a Boston-based biotech company have recreated the scent of *H. wilderianus* using DNA reconstruction and synthetic biology¹⁰.

References

¹⁰Gibbens S. Smell. *Natl. geo.* 2021 Dec:26-28.

Online Newspaper Article

General Format

In-Text Citation

Superscripted Number(s)

References

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Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Article title. Newspaper Title. Year Month Day [accessed Year Month Day]. URL
Example
In-Text Citation
Two acre feet of water is needed to produce a crop of irrigated corn ¹¹ .
References
¹¹ Mannette A. Kansas State lands \$10 million grant to study farm inputs, including water, and how much product they can produce. Hutchinson News. 2021 Oct. 4 [accessed 2021 Nov. 30]. https://www.hutchnews.com/story/news/2021/10/04/kansas-state-universitys-k-state-usda-grant-looks-help-conservation-effort/5989901001/ .

Websites

Basic Webpage
General Format
In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Title of webpage. City of publication (State): Publisher; [updated Year Month Day; accessed Year Month Day]. URL.
Example
In-Text Citation
The Apollo 11 lunar module, known as Eagle, set down in the Moon’s Sea of Tranquility at 4:17 pm EDT on July 20, 1969 ¹² .
References
¹² Humans in space. Washington (DC): National Space and Aeronautical Administration; [updated 2021 July 20; accessed 2021 Dec. 1]. https://www.nasa.gov/topics/humans-in-space .

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Government Publication from a Website
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In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Name of Government Agency or Department (US) [Abbreviation of Agency or Department]. Title of document. City of publication (State): Publisher; Year Month. Number of pages. Availability statement: URL.
Example
In-Text Citation
In FY 2020, the Library of Congress began receiving via transfer approximately 250,000 deaccessioned maps from the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency ¹³ .
References
¹³ Library of Congress. (US) [LOC]. Annual report of the Librarian of Congress for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Washington (DC): LOC; 2020 Sept. 94 p. Available from: https://www.loc.gov/static/portals/about/reports-and-budgets/documents/annual-reports/fy2020.pdf .

Entry in an Online Reference Work (e.g., Encyclopedia or Dictionary)
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In-Text Citation
Superscripted Number(s)
References
Author Surname First InitialSecond Initial. Title of specific entry. In: Editor Surname First InitialSecond Initial (Ed.), Book title: subtitle [Internet]. Edition. Volume number. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. [accessed Year Month Day]. URL
Example
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Artifacts dating from 30,000 BCE have been discovered throughout Africa, Asia, and Europe bearing rudimentary calendars that chart the phases of the moon¹⁴.

References

¹⁴Bullock MA. Astronomy. In: Mitcham C (Ed.), Encyclopedia of science, technology, and ethics. Vol. 1. Detroit (MI): Macmillan Reference; 2005. [accessed 2021 November 30]. https://go.gale.com/ps/retrieve.do?resultListType=RELATED_DOCUMENT&searchType=AdvancedSearchForm&userGroupName=klb_bartonccc&inPS=true&contentSegment=&prodId=GVRL&isETOC=true&docId=GALE|CX3434900067.