# CHICAGO REFERENCING STYLE GUIDE

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## Other materials
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- Web page /Document on the Internet
REFERENCING

Referencing acknowledges the sources that you use to write your essay or assignment paper. Please see the section of this guide regarding intellectual honesty and plagiarism.

Citations are used throughout your writing to acknowledge the sources of your information. The full details of the citations are listed at the end of your assignment paper in a reference list.

It is important to first consult your unit outline, lecturer or tutor for the preferred citation style for each unit you undertake.

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

At Western Sydney University plagiarism falls within the framework of the Student Misconduct Rule and its associated guidelines.

Further information about the importance of academic honesty is available on the Library website.

ABOUT THE CHICAGO STYLE

The Chicago citation style is used widely for academic writing in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. There are two formats of referencing within the Chicago style. One is notes-bibliography and the other author-date. The author-date format is similar to the Harvard style and is detailed in the official Chicago Manual of Style. However this guide shows examples for the notes-bibliography format only, which uses a numerical system of footnotes or endnotes with a bibliography.

Examples of the most common types of citations used by students are included in this guide. It is based on the Chicago Manual of Style 16th Edition, which is available online via the library catalogue. If you are unable to find the referencing example you require in this guide, more examples can be found in the Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide.

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REFERENCING SOURCES WITHIN THE TEXT OF THE PAPER

Throughout the text of your paper you must acknowledge the sources used in your writing. Whenever you present a statement of evidence such as a quote, or when you use someone else’s ideas, opinions or theories in your own words (paraphrasing), you must acknowledge your sources.

The Chicago notes-bibliography style is a numbered system whereby authorship is acknowledged using a number to represent the reference. The reader can follow this in-text number to the corresponding number in the footnote or endnote.

Citation numbers should be inserted in superscript to the right of commas and full stops, and to the left of colons and semi-colons. Although it should be avoided, if you must cite two or more references together, place a comma between the numbers, e.g. 1, 2 Chicago style suggests including more than one citation in the note and using only one number to represent the group of references. See section 14.52 of the Chicago Manual for more information.

This guide shows examples for a footnotes-bibliography structure. In the case of most assignment papers and essays where footnotes and a bibliography are used, the footnote citation details can be quite brief because the full details can be found in the bibliography. Endnotes (or both footnotes and endnotes) may be used in a large document where non-citation related notes may be required. For more information on combining the use of footnotes and endnotes see section 14.44 of the Chicago Manual. Check the requirements of your unit or School in regard to using footnotes and endnotes.

Below are some examples of how to cite sources within the text of your paper.

When you summarise the general idea of a source in your own words, you must cite the author or body responsible for the work. A new number is used for each citation, even for a previously cited source.

Every time you wish to cite a source, place the number at the end of the sentence or end of the clause. e.g.

...and Mullan described narration thoroughly.¹

The narration of works can be divided into the two types², however others suggest...

If you directly provide fewer than 100 words or 8 lines of a quote, enclose the quotation by double quotation marks within the text e.g.

Mullan explained that tone should be “anti-solemn”.³

Note: Page number(s) for quotes should be provided in the note. See examples throughout this guide.

If the quotation is greater than 100 words or 8 lines it should be displayed in an indented block without quotation marks. Other quotes that could be offset include poetry, letters or groups of short quotations.
Mullan stated,

James is making an argument about a singular novel, but that last phrase is evidence enough of his disdain for the form in general. He expresses this elsewhere in his criticism and correspondence, notably in an extraordinary letter to H. G. Wells. In 1911 Wells had sent James a copy of his latest novel, *The New Machiavelli* (1911), which is narrated in the first person.4

**FOOTNOTES**

As the full details of a source are given in the bibliography, citations in footnotes can be given in shortened form. The shortened form consists of the author’s surname, title (shortened if more than four words) and page, if available. The page reference in a footnote should sit directly after the citation. The abbreviation *op. cit.* (which refers readers to the same reference previously cited) is not used in the Chicago style. The box below represents the footnote section of a page. See how the citation for Sylwester is repeated below; cited in notes 10, 12, 14 and 15.

15. Ibid., 116.

The abbreviation *Ibid.* is used when a reference has been cited in the footnote immediately preceding.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

A bibliography is a list of the full details of all the sources you cited in your paper. In the Chicago style the bibliography starts on a separate page at the end of your assignment paper and is titled *Bibliography*. The bibliography contains details of the sources used in writing your paper and can include works not cited in your paper that you consulted in your research.

All sources appearing in the bibliography must be ordered alphabetically by surname of the first author or title if no author is identified.

The name of the first author is inverted (i.e. *Margot Broadman* to *Broadman, Margot*); subsequent author’s names are given in the form in which they appear in the original source publication.

The bibliography should be *double spaced* and *hanging indents* used for each entry. A hanging indent is where the first line starts at the left margin and subsequent lines are indented about 5 spaces. There are no line spaces between references.

*Italic* is the preferred format for titles of books, journals and videos. However, article and chapter titles are not italicised; these are put in double quotation marks. *Capitalisation* within the Chicago style requires all major words to be first letter upper case.
For more detailed information on bibliographies see section 14.16–18 of *The Chicago Manual of Style.*

**Example of a bibliography:**

**Bibliography**


ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Electronic sources should be referenced in the same format as that for a “fixed-media source”, such as a book, with the DOI (digital object identifier) included at the end. If a DOI is available no further publication or location elements are required. If no DOI is available, provide the direct URL if the item is freely accessible or the name of the database if access is restricted, e.g. subscribed library database. A stable URL may also be used for restricted access. Many databases have options to create stable URLs – look for terms like ‘Permalink’, ‘Bookmark URL’, ‘Embed/Link’ or ‘Stable URL’.

Access dates are required for sources viewed online when no date is provided. Chicago style also allows them to be used if instructed by your academic in cases where websites are subject to change. Access dates are placed before the URL.


REFERENCING SECONDARY SOURCES

The Chicago Manual discourages the use of secondary sources and advises that authors should always consult the primary source of information, except where the primary source is unavailable. Although not preferable, you may sometimes need to quote or paraphrase a source (A) that is referred to within another source (B). Details of the original source and the secondary source should be cited in your paper.

For example, the book you are using is written by Smith who quotes another author called Jones. In your essay you wish to use Jones’ idea. In the footnote you should acknowledge Jones and Smith e.g.

Jones agreed that the experiment “failed to confirm this hypothesis”.¹

or

The experiment “failed to confirm this hypothesis”.¹

Provide all known details of the primary source (as given by the secondary source) and details of the secondary source in the citation note e.g.


Provide the details of the primary and secondary source in the bibliography e.g.

# BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS AND BROCHURES

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*Note: In the footnote, if an item has more than three authors you may abbreviate the remaining authors as ‘et al.’ (“and others”).* |

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**Bibliography**  
*See also section 14.113 of Chicago Manual on how to cite several contributions by different authors from the same book.*

**Footnote**  

### E-BOOK

**Bibliography**  
*If a DOI is available, include it at the end of the reference. If there is no DOI and the book has been accessed via a library database, add the name of the database. If the e-book is available via the internet and there is no DOI add the URL at the end.*

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

The format for more than one author is the same for all sources including journal articles, therefore, refer to the examples for books in this guide.

### JOURNAL ARTICLE (PRINT VERSION)

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2. Nellie Melba, interview by Albert Smith, September 1924, Oral History Archive, National Library, Australia  
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## VIDEO (FROM THE INTERNET)

**Bibliography**  
SouthLanarkshireTV. “In Focus: Forest Kindergarten.” YouTube video, 5:42.  
Posted August 13, 2010. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8WWrRzf7ZU&list=TLExvO6QPFaLk

*The non-conventional format of the authors name and the word YouTube. Cite as they appear on the source. 5:42 indicates the length of the video.*

**Footnote**  
35. SouthLanarkshireTV, “In Focus: Forest Kindergarten.”

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**Footnote**  
36. “Allegro Molto Appassionato.”

## THESIS

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**Footnote 37.** Este et al., *Life in the Clickstream.* 38. Developing an Argument. 39. “Swim with whales.”

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