

CITING SOURCES

There are a number of different citation styles that are used. Publishers and journal editors usually specify a particular type of style. Similarly, professors usually tell a class what type of citation style to use.

*There are several dominant citation styles.
Ask your Professor what styles are acceptable before starting.*

- ✧ APA (American Psychological Association) is often used in the Social Sciences, such as Psychology, Political Science, Education
- ✧ MLA (Modern Language Association) is often used in the Humanities, such as Literature, Philosophy, Performing Arts
- ✧ Chicago Manual of Style / Turabian is also used in the Humanities, especially History, and the Social Sciences
- ✧ CBE (Council of Biology Editors) is often used in the Sciences, such as Biology, Physics, Chemistry

Get help from the library

No matter what style you are using for your papers, the library has both online and print resources to help you out.

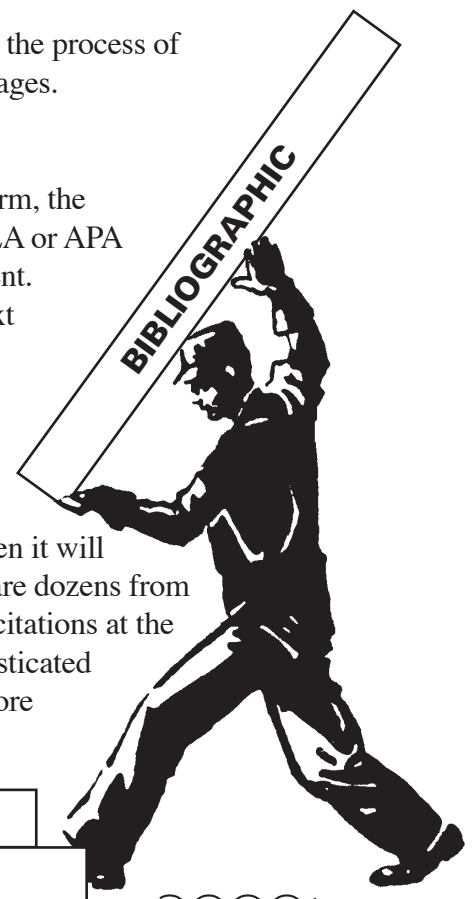
- ✧ Check the Databases & Subject Guides. Under your department's page, look at the "Citing Your Sources" section.
- ✧ Print materials are available mainly at the Reference Desk.
- ✧ Online resources are also available and are sometimes more convenient since you can access them from outside of the library. Consult the Citation Guides found under Research Help on the library homepage.
- ✧ Tools such as the Citation Machine and [RefWorks](#) can help automate the process of writing citations, in-text citation, and bibliographies or works cited pages.

★ Citation Machine

- Just by entering information about your source in a webform, the Citation Machine will generate Works Cited entries in MLA or APA formats. Just copy and paste them into your Word document. (Sorry, you still have to figure out how to format the in-text citations or footnotes yourself.)
- <http://citationmachine.net/?g=3>

★ RefWorks

- RefWorks allows you to build a personal bibliographic database, organizing your citations for specific papers. Then it will generate a bibliography in the style of your choice (there are dozens from which to choose). Furthermore it will format your in-text citations at the same time it does your bibliography. RefWorks is a sophisticated but powerful tool - stop by the Reference Desk to learn more and get started with a personal account!



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