



# Chicago Style in Brief

## Author-Date System

Begley Library and Learning Center

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The information in this guide is based on the 16th edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style* (CMS). The Chicago style includes two systems: (1) Notes and Bibliography and (2) Author-Date. The notes and bibliography system is generally used in the humanities (including history, literature, and the arts). **The Author-Date system is generally used in the physical, natural, and social sciences.** Under either system, you must include all sources used in the research and preparation of your paper. The information must be correct and complete and should contain the author, year of publication, title, and publishing data.

**This guide pertains to the Author-Date system only.** A Begley Library guide for the Notes and Bibliography system is also available.

### Author-Date System

In the **Author-Date** system, you briefly cite your sources in the text, usually in parentheses, providing the author’s last name, publication date, and page number(s). Full details are provided in the bibliography, which is usually titled **Works Cited** or **References**.

Following are some examples of the Author-Date system.

Book with one author	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname. Date. <i>Title</i>. City:            Publisher.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, pages)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Bender, David A. 2009. <i>Nutritional Biochemistry of the Vitamins</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Bender 2009, 87-88)</p>

<b>Book with two or more authors</b>	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname, and FirstName            LastName. Date. <i>Title</i>. City: Publisher.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Authors Date, pages)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Thompson, Ron A., and Roberta Trattner Sherman. 2010. <i>Eating Disorders in Sport</i>. New York: Routledge.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Thompson and Trattner Sherman 2010, 76)</p>

<b>Book with an Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author</b>	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname, ed. Date. <i>Title</i>. City: Publisher.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, pages)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Clough, Roger B, ed. 1983. <i>Quantitative NDE in the nuclear industry : proceedings of the fifth international conference on nondestructive evaluation in the nuclear industry, San Diego, California, 10-13 May 1982</i>. Metals Park, Ohio: American Society for Metals.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Clough 1983, 134-136)</p>

<b>Books published electronically</b>	
<b>If a book is available in more than one format, cite the version you consulted (ebrary version, for example.) If page numbers are not available, you can use a section or chapter number.</b>	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname. Date. <i>Title</i>. City: Publisher. version.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, pages)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Woolfson, Michael. 2007. <i>The Formation of the Solar System</i>. London: Imperial College Press. ebrary edition.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Woolfson 2007, 80-81)</p>

<b>Article in a Print Journal</b>	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname. Date. "Article Title."  <i>Journal Title</i> vol:page range.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, page)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Engle, Paul. 2010. "Unrelated Events?"  <i>Industrial Engineer</i> 42:20-20.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Engle 2010, 20)</p>

<b>Article in an online journal</b>	
<b>Include a digital object modifier (DOI) if the journal lists one. If no DOI is available, list a URL.</b>	
<p><b>General Form</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname. Date. "Article Title."  <i>Journal Title</i> vol:page range. doi: xxxxxxx.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, page)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Fenger, Morten Munthe, et al. 2007. "Group therapy with OCD: Development and outcome of diagnosis specific treatment of patients with OCD in groups." <i>Nordic Psychology</i> 59:332-346. doi: 10.1027/1901-2276.59.4.332.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Fenger et al. 2007, 334)</p>

<b>Article in a newspaper or popular magazine</b>	
<b>If no author is identified, begin the citation with the article title. These articles are commonly omitted from the Works Cited page. As an alternative, these articles be cited as running text.</b>	
<p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Lastname, Firstname. Date. "Article Title."  <i>Periodical Title</i>. issue date.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Author Date, page)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>            Hausner, Christine. 2011. "May Consumer Inflation Rose at a Slower Rate." <i>New York Times</i>, June 26.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>            (Hausner 2011, B8)</p> <p><b>(alternative: running text)</b>            As Christine Hausner noted in a <i>New York Times</i> article on June 16, 2011 ...</p>

<p><b>Website</b>  <b>If no author is identified, begin the citation with the article title. Include an access date or the date when the site was last updated. Websites are commonly omitted from the bibliography. As an alternative, websites be cited as running text.</b></p>	
<p><b>(in Works Cited list)</b>          Lastname, Firstname (if available). "Title," Date accessed or last updated date, URL.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>          (Author <i>or</i> Title Date, page)</p>	<p><b>Example</b></p> <p>"GE Electrical Distribution." Accessed June 16, 2011.  <a href="http://www.ge.com/products_services/electrical_distribution.html">http://www.ge.com/products_services/electrical_distribution.html</a>.</p> <p><b>(in text)</b>          (GE Electrical Distribution 2011)</p> <p><b>(running text)</b>          As of June 16, 2011, the General Electric Company listed on its website ...</p>

### Sample Works Cited Page

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## Other Resources

- *Chicago Style Citation Quick Guide* at [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)
- *Purdue University Online Writing Lab* at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/12/>.
- The *Chicago Manual of Style* in the reference section on the first floor of the library (call number REF Z253 .U69 2010)
- A reference librarian at the desk
- Ask Us 24/7 at <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library/>

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