Preparing Chicago Style in Author-Date Format
(Social Sciences and Sciences)

Introduction

The Chicago AD (Author-Date) system is often used in the social sciences and sciences disciplines. In the Author-Date system each citation consists of two parts: the text citations, which provides brief identifying information within the text, and the reference list (list of sources used) which provides full bibliographic information.

General Formatting

- In addition to your in-text citations, include a reference list of all your sources. Start the reference list on a separate page at the end of your paper under the label References.
- Alphabetize the bibliography by the first word in each entry (usually the author’s last name). Single-space all entries, with double-spacing between entries. Make the first line of each entry flush with the margin. Subsequent lines in each entry should be indented one-half (0.5”) inch.
- Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a book, article or web page title, the first word after a colon or dash in the title, and proper nouns. Capitalize all major words in periodical titles.
- Access dates for online sources are not required, but you should include an access date after the URL if the source is time-sensitive (like a news site) and/or if your instructor requires it.

Note: For more information on setting up your paper or general formatting questions, please refer to the Chicago Manual Style General Guidelines.

Formatting Text Citations

The text citations in the Author-Date style consists of the author’s last name and the year of publication of the work cited. No punctuation is used between the name and the date.

For direct quotations

The page number is also included.

(Nairn 1997, 73)

Basic Format for Reference List
• All sources cited in text must be included in the reference list.
• Arrange references in a single alphabetical list according to the first word in each entry.
• Use 3-em dashes for repeated names (e.g., Webb, J.D. 1986 / ---. 1987)

Articles

Scholarly Articles:

Example of Text Citation:

(Giersch and Rhein 2009, 139)

Basic Format for Reference List:

Author. Year. Title of article. *Title of Journal* Volume, no.: Pages. URL.

Example of Reference List:


Magazine and Newspaper Articles:

Page numbers are not necessary for newspaper and magazine articles in the reference list. Use a section letter or number, if available. For an unsigned article, use the magazine or newspaper title in place of the author.

Example of Text Citation:

(Newsweek 2009, 38)

Basic Format for Reference List:

Author. Year. Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, Month Day. URL.

Example of Reference List:


Books

Example of Text Citation:

(Pollen 2006, 75)

Basic Format for Reference List:
Author. Year. *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example of Reference List:


**Part of a Book (Essay in a Collection)**

Example of Text Citation:

(Demos 2001, 141)

Basic Format for Reference List:

Author. Year. Title of essay. In *Title of collection*, ed. by Editor Name, Pages of Essay. Publication Place: Publisher.

Example of Reference List:


**Published, broadcast, or recorded interviews**


**Unpublished interviews**


**Web Site**

For sites without an author per se, use the publishing organization in place of the author.

Basic Text Citation:

(Mortimer)

Basic Format for Reference List:

Author. Title of web site. Publishing Organization or Name of Web Site. URL.

Example of Reference List:
http://www.utep.edu/Mortimer/Faulkner/mainfaulkner.htm.

All examples shown and other examples for Chicago Manual Style citation, 16th edition, can be found at https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/

The following books can be found in Daley and AVI stacks at the bold call number listed.

The Chicago Manual of Style  
(16th ed.)  
Z253.U69 2010

A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations  
(8th ed.)  
LB2369.T8 2013

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