

Citation style

A [citation](#) style is a set of rules and guidelines for documenting sources used in [academic writing](#). There are many different citation styles, including APA, MLA, Chicago, Harvard, and Vancouver, among others. Each citation style has its own rules for formatting in-text citations, creating bibliographies, and citing different types of sources (such as books, journal articles, websites, and more).

In general, citations serve several important purposes in academic writing, including:

Giving credit to the authors of sources that were used in the research or writing process. Allowing readers to locate and verify the sources that were used. Demonstrating the breadth and depth of research that was conducted in support of the argument or analysis presented in the paper or article. The choice of citation style often depends on the specific academic discipline or field, as different fields may have different conventions for citing sources. Additionally, many academic journals and publications have their own specific citation requirements that authors must follow when submitting articles for publication.

The best citation style depends on the specific field of study, the academic institution or publisher, and personal preference. However, the most commonly used citation styles in academic writing are:

Modern Language Association (MLA) style: used in the humanities, including literature, languages, and cultural studies.

American Psychological Association (APA) style: used in the social sciences, including psychology, education, and sociology.

Chicago Manual of Style (CMS): used in a wide range of disciplines, including history, art history, and business.

Harvard referencing style: used in the social sciences, business, and some natural sciences.

[Vancouver citation style](#): used in the health sciences.

It's important to follow the citation style recommended by your academic institution or publisher. Some journals or academic institutions may have their own specific citation style requirements. It's also important to be consistent in your citation style throughout your work to ensure clarity and accuracy.

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