Reference Examples

**Book – Single Author**
Format:
  Author. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher’s name; copyright year.

Example:

**Book – Multiple Authors**
Format:
  First Author, Second Author (if there are more than six authors, use “et al.” after the third author). *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher’s name; copyright year.

Example:

**Book – Editor**
Format:
  Author(s), eds. *Book Title*. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher’s name; copyright year.

Example:
Chapter or Article within a Book
Format:
Author(s) of article. Title of article. In: Editor’s name(s), ed(s). Book Title. Edition number (2nd edition or above). City, State (or Country) of publisher: Publisher’s name; copyright year: Chapter or page number.

Example:

Newspaper article – In Print
Format:
Author of article. Title of article. Newspaper Title. Date published: section of newspaper.

Example:
Wolf W. State’s mail-order drug plan launched. Minneapolis Star Tribune. May 14, 2004:1B.

Newspaper article – Online
Format:
Author of article. Title of article. Newspaper Title. Date published. URL. Accessed date.

Example:

Article from a Print Journal – One Author
Format:
Author. Title of article. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

Article from a Print Journal – Two to Six Authors
Format:
Authors of article. Title of article. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:
Article from a Print Journal – More than Six Authors
Format:
Three Author(s) of article, et al. Title of article. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;Volume:Inclusive page numbers.

Example:

Article from an Online Journal – Doi (digital object identifier) available
Format:
Author. Title of article. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;vol(issue):pages. Doi:xx.xxxx

Example:

Article from an Online Journal – No Doi available
Format:
Author. Title of article. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL for specific article. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date (will often be the only date available).

Example:

Article – Epub ahead of Print (follow either the with or without Doi model above)
Format:
Author. Title of article [published online Publication Date]. Abbreviated Journal Title. Year;vol(issue):pages. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.

Example:

Web Page
Format:
Author or responsible body. Title of item cited. Name of website. URL. Published date. Updated date. Accessed date.
Example:

**Online Video**
Only list the author if you are confident that the original content's author is the one that uploaded the video. Do not trust that the person who uploaded the video is the original author of the content. If unsure, list no author.

With an author:
Format:
  Author. Title [Video]. Publisher. Link to website. Date published. Date accessed.

Example:

Without an author:
Format:
  Title [Video]. Publisher. Link to website. Date published. Date accessed.
Example:

**Other Media**
Format:
  Author. Title [format]. City, State (or Country) of Publisher: Publisher; Year.

Example:
General Rules:
- Items are listed numerically in the order they are cited in the text
- Include up to 6 authors within the citation
- If there are more than 6 authors, provide the names of the first three and then add “et al.”
- If there is no author, start with the title
- Periodicals (journals, magazines, and newspapers) should have abbreviated titles; to check for the proper abbreviation, search for the Journal Title through LocatorPlus at the National Library of Medicine website
- If the city name is not part of the newspaper name, it may be added to the official name for clarity
- If a newspaper article jumps from one page to a later page, write the page numbers like D1, D5

In-Text Citations:
- Cite using a superscript number immediately after the concept or fact being referenced
- Place the superscript outside of any periods or commas, but inside of colons and semicolons
  - Ex: This is a referenced idea.¹
  - Ex: This also a referenced idea²; this is not.
- At the end of the paper, cite the references and number them according to the order in which they were cited
- Once a reference is given a number, keep that number the same throughout the paper
- If referencing more than two references within the paper, use commas to separate them. If they are referenced in series, use a hyphen to join the numbers in series
  - Ex: Many references were used to create this sentence.¹-⁴,⁷
- Authors’ names may also be used in-text, but only the last name should be used and should have an accompanying reference number
  - Ex: A case report by Brown⁶ found that…
- For citations with one or two authors, include both names. If there are three or more authors listed, use the words “and colleagues”, “et al”, or something similar
  - Ex: A systematic review by Johnson and colleagues³ determined…