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Modern Language Association (MLA) Style Guide

This guide is meant to provide basic examples of MLA citation style. Consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.) for a more extensive understanding of MLA citation. If you have any questions, or you do not see the information you need, contact the Library at 512.313.5050.

Note: The 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (published in 2009) provides a number of major changes from the previous versions of the format. For example, titles will no longer be underlined; they will instead be italicized. Another major change is the inclusion of the format type at the end of every citation, and the dropping of the requirement to provide a web address for every online material. Please make sure to use the 7th Edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* when using the MLA citation style.

Book – Corporate Author

Format:

Corporate Author Name. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

HarperCollins Publishers. *Webster's Dictionary*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 2003.
Print.

Book – Editor(s) as authors (e.g., Anthologies and Compilations)

Format:

Editor LastName, FirstName, ed. Title. Edition (if applicable). Place of Publication: Publisher,
Year of Publication. Format.

Examples:

Farganis, James, ed. *Readings in Social Theory: The Classic Tradition to Post-Modernism*. 2nd
ed. New York: The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., 1996. Print.

Finkelstein, David, and Alistair McCleery, eds. *The Book History Reader*. New York:
Routledge, 2002. Print.

Book – Multiple Authors

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName, and Additional Author(s) FirstName LastName. Title. Place of
Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

Walvoord, Barbara E., and Virginia Johnson Anderson. *Effective Grading: A Tool for Learning and Assessment*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1998. Print.

Book – Multiple Volumes

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. Title. # vols. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

Hatch, Edwin. *A concordance to the Septuagint and the other Greek versions of the Old Testament (including the Apocryphal Book) in three volumes*. 3 vols. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1983. Print.

Book – Single Author

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. Title of Book. Edition (if applicable). Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

Vaidhyanathan, Siva. *Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How it Threatens Creativity*. New York: New York University Press, 2003. Print.

Book – Translation

Format:

Original Work Author LastName, FirstName. Title. Trans. Translator FirstName LastName. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Format.

Example:

Tolstoy, Leo. *War and Peace*. Trans. Constance Garnett. New York: Modern Library, 2004. Print.

Dissertation – Unpublished

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Diss. Degree-granting Institution, Year Completed. Format.

Example:

Cooper, Christie. "Middle School Teachers' Perceptions of Graphing Calculators in the Math Classroom." Diss. Concordia University of Austin, 2007. Print.

eBook

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year Published. eBook Database. Format. Date Accessed.

Example:

Sutherland, John. Can Jane Eyre Be Happy?: More Puzzles in Classic Fiction. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. NetLibrary. Web. 30 June 2009.

Magazine Article – Print

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Magazine Title Month/Date of Publication: Page Number(s). Format.

Example:

Lehrer, Jonah. "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Artistic Mind." Psychology Today Aug. 2009:72-77. Print.

News Article - Online

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." News Source Title. Publisher, Date of Publication. Format. Date of Access.

Example:

Kaufman, Leslie. "A Green Way to Dump Low-Tech Electronics." New York Times. New York Times, 29 June 2009. Web. 30 June 2009.

Newspaper Article – Print

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Newspaper Title Date of Publication, edition ed.: Section Page Number(s). Format.

Example:

Johnson, Kirk. "In Colorado, It's Now Legal to Catch a Raindrop." New York Times 29 June 2009, National ed.: A1+. Print.

Scholarly Article - Online Database

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Journal Title Volume#.Issue# (Year of Publication): Page Number(s). Database Title. Format. Date of Access.

Example:

Vlam, Grace A.H. "The Calling of Saint Matthew in Sixteenth-Century Flemish Painting." Art

Bulletin 59.4 (1977): 561-570. Academic Search Complete. Web. 30 June 2009.

Scholarly Article – Online Only (no page numbers)

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Journal Title Volume#.Issue# (Year of Publication): n. pag. Format. Date of Access.

Example:

Van Wormer, Katherine. "Anti-Feminist Backlash and Violence against Women Worldwide." Social Work & Society 6.2 (2008): n. pag. Web. 30 June 2009.

Scholarly Article – Print

Format:

Author LastName, FirstName. "Title." Journal Title Volume#.Issue# (Year of Publication): Page Number(s). Format.

Example:

Begley, Ann M. "Voyage to Greenland." American Scholar 66.1 (1997): 128-134. Print.

Sound Recording

Format:

Composer LastName, FirstName. Title. Perf. Performers FirstName LastName(s). Cond. Conductor FirstName LastName (if applicable). Rec. Date of Recording. Manufacturer, Year of Issue. Format.

Example:

Mussorgsky, Modest. Pictures at an Exhibition. Perf. New York Philharmonic. Cond. Leonard Bernstein. Rec. 1959. CBS Records, 1981. CD.

Video Recording

Format:

Title. Dir. Director FirstName LastName. Perf. Performer(s) FirstName LastName. Distributor, Year of Production. Format.

Example:

The Civil War. Dir. Ken Burns. Perf. Sam Waterston. Florentine Films and WETA-TV, 1990. DVD.

Website – Scholarly Project

Format:

Editor LastName, FirstName, ed. Site Name. Publisher/Responsible Organization, Date of Publication. Format. Date of Access.

Example:

Smith, Robert., ed. Project Wittenberg – Electronic Texts by and About Martin Luther and Lutherans. Concordia Theological Seminary, 17 Mar. 2006. Web. 30 June 2009.

Work in a Book, Anthology or Compilation

Format:

Author LastName, First Name. "Work Title." Publication Title. Ed. Editor FirstName LastName. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Page number(s). Format.

Example:

Chartier, Roger. "The Practical Impact of Writing." The Book History Reader. Ed. David Finkelstein and Alistair McCleery. New York: Routledge, 2002. 118-142. Print.

In-Text Citations

In addition to creating your list of citations, you will need to cite your sources in the text of your document. For most cases, use the following formats.

If the author's name is not in the text....

Use the author's last name(s) followed by the page number(s) cited.

Examples:

This idea has already been touched on (Vaidhyanathan 141).

It has been said that "legal intimidation has even chilled political speech" (Vaidhyanathan 187).

If the author's name is in the text....

Use the page number(s) only.

Examples:

Vaidhyanathan has already touched on this idea (141).

Vaidhyanathan points out that "legal intimidation has even chilled political speech" (187).

Works Cited

Modern Language Association. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th Ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.