

ACS Style 3rd Edition Guide – Citing Books

APSU Writing Center Handout

What is an in-text citation?

An in-text citation is a short reference within your writing that shows where your information came from.

There are different ways to cite in ACS style, but the following explains how to cite using superscripts.

- Sources are assigned numbers based on the order they appear in the text. The first source is given a superscript 1, the second a 2, and so on.
- Insert a small number after the relevant text.

Example: Oscillation in the reaction of benzaldehyde with oxygen was reported previously.³

What is a Reference Page?

The reference page lists full details of every source cited in your text. The in-text citation numbers correspond to this list.

References are numbered **in the order they appear in the paper** (not alphabetically).

Each number matches the corresponding in-text superscript citation.

All references should use a hanging indent (0.5 inches for lines after the first line).

Reference Example:

1. Lehman, J. W. *Operational Organic Chemistry: A Problem-Solving Approach to the Laboratory Course*, 4th ed.; Pearson Prentice Hall, 2009.

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In-text Citation Format: superscript number.

- Use superscript numbers that correspond to the reference in your reference list.

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

The chemical composition of tea leaves significantly affects flavor and aroma.¹

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

Fermentation processes influence the antioxidant content in different types of tea.²

Reference Format:

Author, A. A. *Book Title*; Publisher: City, Year.

- *Book Title* is italicized.

Reference Examples:

1. Frankel, F. *Steeped: The Chemistry of Tea*; Royal Society of Chemistry, 2024.
2. Smith, J.; Lee, K. *Tea Processing and Bioactive Compounds*; Academic Press: New York, 2022.

ACS Style 3rd Edition - Citing Book Chapters

In-text Citation Format: superscript number.

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Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

Machine learning algorithms are increasingly applied to predict material properties.¹

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

Data-driven approaches are transforming computational chemistry workflows.²

Reference Format:

Author(s) of Chapter. Title of Chapter. In *Book Title*; Editor(s), Ed(s).; Publisher: City, Year; pp
Page numbers. DOI

- *Book Title* is italicized.

Reference Examples:

1. Schmitz, C.; Cremmans, K.; Bissadi, G. Application of machine learning algorithms for use in material chemistry. In *Computational and Data-Driven Chemistry Using Artificial Intelligence: Fundamentals, Methods and Applications*; Akitsu, T., Ed.; Elsevier, 2022; pp 161–192. DOI: [10.1016/B978-0-12-822249-2.00001-3](https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-822249-2.00001-3)
2. Lee S.; Chen, H. Predictive modeling for catalytic reactions. In *Computational and Data-Driven Chemistry Using Artificial Intelligence: Fundamentals, Methods and Applications*; Akitsu, T., Ed.; Elsevier: Amsterdam, 2022; pp 193–220.
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In-text Citation Format: superscript number.

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Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 1:

Recent advances in polymer materials have enabled their use in microelectronics and nanoelectronics.¹

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example 2:

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are increasingly studied for catalytic degradation of environmental pollutants.²

Reference Format:

Book Title; Editor, A. A., Editor, B. B., Eds.; Series Information (if any, including series number); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year. DOI or aggregator URL (for ebook).

- *Book Title* is italicized.

Reference Examples:

1. *Polymers for Microelectronics and Nanoelectronics*; Lin, Q., Pearson, R. A., Hedrick, J. C., Eds.; ACS Symposium Series, Vol. 874; American Chemical Society: Washington, DC, 2004.
2. *Metal Organic Framework (MOFs): Catalytic Degradation of Pollutants*; Kumar, P., Kumar, N., Aneja, D. K., Eds.; Springer, 2024. DOI: 10.1007/978-981-97-5971-2

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