

## **AIP Style 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Guide – Citing Thesis & Dissertations**

### **APSU Writing Center Handout**

#### **American Institute of Physics (AIP) 4th Edition Handout**

##### **In-text Citations**

Use numbered citations in square brackets: [1], [2]

Number sources in order of appearance

Place citations inside punctuation

Reuse the same number for repeat sources

##### **Example:**

The theory of high-energy cosmic rays is extensively discussed [1].

##### **References List**

List references in numerical order

Match numbers to in-text citations

Include up to 3 authors; use et al. for 4+

End entries with a period (except DOI/URL)

If there is no author, start with the title

Use hanging indents: first line flush left, all subsequent lines indented by 0.5 inch

##### **Reference Example:**

[1] H. Zhang, M.S. thesis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1997.

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In-Text Citation Format: [number]

**Sentence with In-Text Citation Example:** This concept is explained in detail [1].

### Reference Format:

[ ] Author's INITIAL(S). Surname, *Title*, Type and level of award. (Awarding body, Place of awarding body, Year).

- Italicize the title.
- Specify type and level e.g., PhD Thesis, MS Dissertation.
- Include the university name and location.

### Reference Examples:

[1] R.J. Allison, *The Dynamical Evolution of Young Star Clusters*, PhD Thesis. (University of Sheffield, Sheffield, 2011).

[2] A. B. Smith, *Quantum Effects in Nanostructures*, MS Dissertation (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, 2018).

## Citing Private Communications

### Reference Format:

[ ] INITIAL(S). Surname (private communication, Year).

These references are **not listed in journals or books**, so only personal contact is cited.

### Reference Examples:

[1] R. Kibiro Waweru and A. Gakure (private communication, 1997).

## Citing Computer Programs

### Reference Format:

[ ] INITIAL(S). Surname, computer code Program Name (Publisher, Place, Year).

- Specify “**computer code**” before the program name.
- Include **publisher or laboratory** and location.
- Include year of release.

### Reference Examples:

[1] M. F. Verde, computer code MIKE (IBM Laboratories, Pleasantville, NY, 1996).

## Citing Patents

### Reference Format:

[ ] INITIAL(S). Surname, Country Patent No. Number (Full Date).

- Use **country abbreviation** (U.S., EP, JP, etc.).
- Patent number uses commas as in official formatting.
- Date in day month year format.

### Reference Examples:

[1] K. Kimura and A. Lipeles, U. S. Patent No. 14, 860,040 (14 December, 1996).

## References

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