APSU Writing Center
CSE Style 8th Edition

Council of Science Editors (CSE) Style Formatting

- Submit as a Microsoft Word (.docx) document

- Double-spaced throughout (including abstract, references, and captions)

- 12-point Times New Roman

- 1-inch margins on all sides

Title Page

- No header or page number on the title page

- Full title centered in the upper half of the page

- Author of paper

- Affiliated university

    - Each element should be on a separate line

Page Numbers

- Begin numbering on page 2

- Place page number in the upper right corner

- Include a shortened version of the title if required

Abstract

- The abstract should:

    - Appear on page 2

    - Be double-spaced

    - Contain no citations

- Briefly summarize the purpose, scope, and major findings

Introduction

- State the main purpose of the paper

- Present your thesis or research question

- Indent body paragraphs 0.5 inches

References Page

- Title the page: References

- Alphabetize by author's last name

- Use hanging indents

Citing an eBook

Basic Format: Author(s) or editor(s). Year. *Title*. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; [date updated; accessed date]. Notes. URL.

Example:

Zuur AF, Ieno EN, Smith GM. 2007. *Analyzing ecological data*. New York: Springer; [accessed 2016 Aug 22]. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-0-387-45972-1.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

  - **Example:** (Zuur and Ieon 2007)

- **Narrative Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

  - **Example:** Zuur and Ieon (2007) analyzes...

Citing a Book

Basic Format: Author(s) or editor(s). Year. *Title*. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher. Extent.

Example:

Keddy PA. 2010. *Wetland ecology: principles and conservation*. 2nd ed. New York: Cambridge

University Press.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

  - **Example:** (Keddy 2010)

- **Narrative Format:** Author name in the sentence.

  - **Example:** Keddy (2010) describes…

Citing a Journal Article

Basic Format: Author(s). Year. *Article Title*. Journal Title Abbrev. volume number(issue number):inclusive pages. URL.

Example:

MacRae TH. 1997. *Tubulin post-translational modifications: enzymes and their mechanisms of action*. Eur J Biochem. 244(2):265-278. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1432-1033.1997.00265.x.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

  - **Example:** (MacRae 1997)

- **Narrative Format:** Author name in the sentence.

  - **Example:** MacRae (1997) explains...

Citing a Website

Basic Format: Author(s). Date. *Title of website*. Place of publication: Publisher; [date updated; accessed date]. URL.

Examples:

Lear L. 1998. *The life and legacy of Rachel Carson: Rachel Carson's biography*. New London (CT): Linda Lear Center for Special Collections and Archives; [accessed 2016 Aug 27]. http://www.rachelcarson.org/Biography.aspx#.UE9foVF62So

World Health Organization. 2023. Mental health: strengthening our response. Geneva (Switzerland): WHO; [updated 2023 Jan 15; accessed 2024 Feb 10]. https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/mental-health

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)
  - **Example:** (Lear 1998)
  - **Example:** (World Health Organization 2023)
- **Narrative Format:** Author name in the sentence.
  - **Example:** Lear (1998) explores the life and work of Rachel Carson.
  - **Example:** The World Health Organization (2023) emphasizes strengthening mental health systems worldwide.

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Citing a Conference Paper

Basic Format: Author(s) of paper. Year. Title of paper. In: Editor(s). *Title of book*. Number and name of conference; date of conference; place of conference. Place of publication: Publisher. Extent. Notes.

Example:

James ML, Roberts AJ. 2009. Advancements in renewable energy storage technologies. In: Smith P, editor. *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Sustainable Energy*; 2009 Jun 14–17; Berlin, Germany. Berlin: Springer; p. 45–58.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)
    - **Example:** (James 2009)
- **Narrative Format:** Author name in the sentence.
    - **Example:** James (2009) discusses recent advancements in renewable energy storage technologies.

Citing a Thesis or Dissertation

Basic Format: Author. Year. *Title* [content designator]. Place of publication: Publisher (often a university). Extent. URL.

Example:

Merovitch, NH. 2016. *A simple automated system for appetitive conditioning of zebrafish in their home tanks and studying underlying neural activation* [master's thesis]. Halifax (NS): Dalhousie University. 128 p. http://hdl.handle.net/10222/72114.

Patel S. 2019. *Modeling climate change impacts on coral reef ecosystems* [PhD dissertation]. Brisbane (QLD): University of Queensland. 210 p. https://doi.org/10.14264/uql.2019.041

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)
    - **Example:** (Merovitch 2016)
    - **Example:** (Patel 2019)
- **Narrative Format:** Author name in the sentence.
    - **Example:** Merovitch (2016) developed an automated system to...
    - **Example:** Patel (2019) modeled the effects of climate change on coral reef ecosystems.

Citing a Book

Basic Format: Author(s) or editor(s). Year. *Title*. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher. Extent.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

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In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

Citing a Journal Article

Basic Format: Author(s). Year. *Article Title*. Journal Title Abbrev. volume number(issue

number):inclusive pages. URL.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

Citing a Website

Basic Format: Author(s). Date. *Title of website*. Place of publication: Publisher; [date updated;

accessed date]. URL.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

Citing a Conference Paper

Basic Format: Author(s) of paper. Year. Title of paper. In: Editor(s). *Title of book*. Number and name of conference; date of conference; place of conference. Place of publication: Publisher. Extent. Notes.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

Citing a Thesis or Dissertation

Basic Format: Author. Year. *Title* [content designator]. Place of publication: Publisher (often a university). Extent. URL.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)

In-Text Citations

- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

California State University San Marcos. (2022). *CSE trifold guide.*

https://www.csusm.edu/writingcenter/studentresources/wc-handouts/2022_fall_handouts/cse-

trifold-08.01.22.pdf

Dalhousie University (2022, Nov 18). *CSE Citation Style - Quick Guide.*

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