

**CSE General Guidelines**  
**APSU Writing Center Handout**

**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 of 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.

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**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.

### **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/uq1.2019.041>

## 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.

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Extent.

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

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## In-Text Citations

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

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## In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author Last Name Year)
- **Narrative Citation Format:** Author name appears in the sentence.

## References

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