

GSA Style Guide – Citing Articles

APSU Writing Center Handout

GSA In-Text Citations (11th Edition)

- Cite any quoted or paraphrased information from a source.
- Use author–year format (not superscript numbers).
- Place citations either in the sentence (narrative) or in parentheses.
- For three or more authors, use *et al.*
- Separate multiple citations with semicolons and list alphabetically.
- Include page, figure, or section numbers when needed.

Example:

Research has expanded our understanding of migraine pathophysiology (Smith, 2020).

References Cited

- Include all works cited in text, figures, tables, captions, and appendixes.
- Arrange **alphabetically by author surname**.
- Use **hanging indents** and double spacing.
- Spell out journal titles and publisher names.
- List **all authors** (GSA does *not* limit to 10 + et al. in references).
- Include DOI when available.

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In-Text Citation Format:

- **Narrative:** Author (Year)
- **Parenthetical:** (Author et al., Year)

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example:

The origin of detrital zircons has been widely debated (Coogan and Hinton, 2006).

Reference Format

Author surname, Author first initial(s), Year, Article title: *Journal title*, v. #, p. #-#, DOI.

Example

Coogan, L.A., and Hinton, R.W., 2006, Do the trace element compositions of detrital zircons require Hadean continental crust?: *Geology*, v. 34, p. 633–636, <https://doi.org/10.1130/G22737.1>.

Citing a Proceeding from a Conference

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example:

Baar (1972) compares measured creep in deep potash mines with theoretical predictions.

Reference Format

Author surname, Author first initial(s), Year, Title, in Proceedings, Conference title, number:
Location, publisher/organization, p. #-#.

Example

Baar, C., 1972, Creep measured in deep potash mines vs. theoretical predictions, *in Proceedings, Canadian Rock Mechanics Symposium, 7th*, Edmonton: Ottawa, Canada Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, p. 23–77.

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