

GSA Style Guide – Citing Books

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:

Quantitative methods for analyzing geologic structures are well established (Allmendinger et al., 2011).

Reference Format

Author last name, Author first initial(s), Year, Book title: Publisher location, Publisher name, volume number, page number p.

Example

Allmendinger, R.W., Cardozo, N., and Fisher, D., 2011, Structural Geology Algorithms: New York, Cambridge University Press, 304 p.

Citing a Chapter in Edited Volume

Sentence with In-Text Citation Example: Taylor (1990) describes the Upper Permian Zechstein depositional system.

Reference Format

Author last name, Author first initial(s), Year, Chapter title, in Editor surname, Editor first name initial(s), ed(s)., Book Title: Publisher location, Publisher Name and series v#, p. #-#, DOI [language notes].

Example

Taylor, J.C.M., 1990, Upper Permian—Zechstein, in Glennie, K.W., ed., *Introduction to the Petroleum Geology of the North Sea* (3rd edition): Oxford, UK, Blackwell, p. 153–190.

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