MLA Style Citation Guide

Begin the Works Cited page on a separate page at the end of your paper. Label the page Works Cited (do no italicize the words Works Cited or put them in quotation marks) and center the words at the top of the page.

Alphabetize each entry in a works cited list by the first letter, ignoring the articles A, An, and The. Indent subsequent lines of entries 5 spaces.

Names: Author names should appear as they do on the title page, whether spelled out or using initials. The first author is listed last name first, but any other authors appear in normal order. Name of the editor, compiler, or translator of a book (if applicable and if not cited earlier), preceded by any appropriate abbreviation, such as Ed.

Titles: Capitalize the first, last, and all principal words. Use 12 pt. font size.

Dates: Use the order: day month year. Shorten the month to the standard 3- or 4- letter abbreviation. If no publication date is available, use "n.d." in place of date.

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URL for online sources: “You should include a URL as supplementary information only when the reader probably cannot locate the source without it or when your Instructor requires it.” (MLA Handbook, 7th ed., p.182). RCC’s English Department no longer requires the URL for individual websites.

Common abbreviations: Use n. pag. when no page numbers are given. Use n.p. when no publisher or sponsor has been provided. Use n.d. when no publication date is provided. See pages 240-47 in the MLA Handbook, 7th ed. for a more complete list of abbreviations.

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Online Sources

Book

**Pattern:**


**Example:**


**NOTE:**
Books with 2 or 3 authors use the following format and use the same order as on the title page:

Broer, Lawrence R., and Gloria Holland.

Rogers, Amy, Robert Inman, and Frye Gaillard.

Books with more than 3 *authors*:

Lauter, Paul, et al.

Books with more than 3 *editors*:

Lauter, Paul, et al., eds.

Google Books

**Pattern:**


**Example:**

**Book Chapter/Essay/Reference**

**Pattern:**


**Examples:**


**Journal Article**

**Pattern:**


**Example:**


**Magazine Article**

**Pattern:**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine* Published day Month abbreviation Year: Page number starts-ends. *Title of database*. Name of Subscription Service. Web. Accessed day Month abbreviation Year.

**Example:**


**Newspaper**

Example:


**Web Page**

Example: With author


Example: Unknown author

YouTube

Examples:

Author’s Name or Poster’s Username. “Title of Image or Video.” Media Type Text. Name of Website. Name of Website’s Publisher, date of posting. Medium. date retrieved.


Podcast

Pattern (Some information may not be available; cite what is available. If it is necessary to include a URL, list the URL in angle brackets after the date of access):

Name of author, host or producer (if available). “Title of podcast.” Title of overall web site (italicized if distinct from title of work). Version or edition used. Publisher or sponsor of site (if not available, use n.p.). Date of publication (if not available, use n.d.). medium of publication. date of access.


Online Image

Pattern:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name. Name of work. Date of Work. Name of museum or organization that houses work. Title of database or website. Medium of publication. Date of access.

Example:

**Personal Communication**

Information required for citing personal communications includes:

- The name of the person
- The type of communication (personal interview, email, etc.)
- The date (day, month and year if known) of the communication

**Example:**

Leckie, John, Personal Interview. 4 March 2012.

Delattori, Alena. RE: Graduate School Applications. 12 May 2012. E-mail.

**Facebook Post**

**Pattern:**

Poster’s last name, first name or name of organization. “Complete post.” Date and time post. Facebook. Web. Date of access.

**Example:**


**Twitter Content**

**Pattern:**

User’s Last Name, First Name (user’s Twitter Name). “Entire Tweet.” Tweet Date, Tweet time (time of access, not time tweet was originally posted). Tweet.

**Example:**

Matthews, Brian (brianmatthews). “This paper I'm writing just crossed 10K words and it's not even close to finished. Either super edits or making part 1&2 #acrl #acrl2013.” 1 February 2013, 4:18 p.m. Tweet.
Print Sources

Book

Pattern:

Lastname, Firstname. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher, Publication Year. Print.

Example:


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Lauter, Paul, et al., eds.

Anthology

Example: Citing a work in an anthology


Example: Citing the entire anthology

**Book Chapter/Essay/Reference**

**Pattern:**


**Example:**


Journal Article

Pattern:

Last name, First name. "Title of work." Periodical name Volume number. Issue number (Published Year): Page number starts-ends. Print.

Example:


Magazine Article

Pattern:

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Published day Month abbreviation Year: Page number starts-ends. Print.

Example:


Newspaper

Example:


Recorded Films or Movies

Pattern:

Film title. Dir. Name of the Director, Perf. If relevant, list performer names. Distributor, Release year. Medium (e.g. DVD, VHS).

Example:

An Image

Pattern:

Artist’s Last Name, First Name. Name of work. Date of Work. Medium of composition. Name of museum that houses work or name of private collection that houses work, Location.

Example:


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