

Chicago (CMOS) Author-Date Citation – 17th ed. (2017)

NOTE:

- Check which type of CMOS style your professor prefers: **author-date** or **notes and bibliography**.
- View the LSC-CyFair Library CMOS notes and bibliography guide at <http://bit.ly/cmos17nb>.
- Find more details in *The Chicago Manual of Style* (17th edition) at the first floor reference desk.
- Review a brief CMOS-sponsored author-date citation guide at <http://bit.ly/cmos17adquick>.

Sample Pages from a Research Paper Using CMOS Author-Date Citation

Even if you have compiled compelling content in a well-organized presentation, it is imperative that you secure the audience's support (Anderson 2016, 48). Almost everyone has experienced a speaker who seemed knowledgeable and prepared, only to lose an audience due to a problem in establishing rapport. Bird and Cassell (2017, 91) suggest that leading with a surprising and relevant statistic or fact is a technique is a way to garner attention at the beginning of your talk.

★ References

Anderson, Chris. 2016. *TED Talks: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Bird, Tom, and Jeremy Cassell. 2017. *The Leader's Guide to Presenting: How to Use Soft Skills to Get Hard Results*. New York: Pearson Education.

Explanation of Symbols Listed Above:

- 1** **In-text citation in parentheses only:** Abbreviated source details – author last name(s), date of publication, and page number(s) – are listed in parentheses where material from another author has been paraphrased, summarized, or quoted. This citation example is most frequently found in advance of punctuation at the end of a phrase or sentence.
- 2** **In-text citation in an actual sentence followed by parenthetical information:** Abbreviated source details – author last name(s) in a sentence followed by date of publication and page number(s) in parentheses – are listed where material from another author has been paraphrased, summarized, or quoted. CMOS labels this example as a “running” text citation, usually located at the beginning of a phrase or sentence.
- ★** **References:** This alphabetical and detailed list of all sources organized by last names of authors (or by title if no author is given) is placed at the end of a paper or project.

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Additional CMOS Author-Date Examples

Chapter or Other Part of an Edited Book Example

In-Text (2 types)	At start of passage: Kipnis (2007, 115) listed methods...	OR	At end of passage: (Kipnis 2007, 115)
Reference	Kipnis, Kenneth. 2007. "Medical Confidentiality." In <i>The Blackwell Guide to Medical Ethics</i> , edited by Rosamond Rhodes, Leslie P. Francis, and Anita Silvers, 104-27. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.		

Journal Article in a Library Database Example

- If four or more authors are in any source, list all names up to 10 in the reference list, but only the first author's last name plus et al. in the in-text citation (see below). If less than four authors in any source, list all names in in-text citation.
- Put <https://doi.org/> in front of the DOI if listed with the database article.
- Page numbers are listed in both the in-text and reference list for journal articles.
- List (in priority order) either the DOI, the permalink/stable URL, or the name of the library database (ask about your professor's preference).

In-Text (2 types)	At start of passage: Murthy et al. (2015, 826) included...	OR	At end of passage: (Murthy et al. 2015, 826)
Reference	Murthy, Dhiraj, Sawyer Bowman, Alexander J. Gross, and Marisa McGarry. 2015. "Do We Tweet Differently from Our Mobile Devices? A Study of Language Differences on Mobile and Web-Based Twitter Platforms." <i>Journal of Communication</i> 65, no. 5 (October): 816-37. https://doi.org/10.1111/jcom.12176 .		

Newspaper Article in a Library Database Example

- Articles from library databases (in priority order) should list either the DOI, the permalink/stable URL, or the name of the library database (ask about your professor's preference).
- If page numbers are given for newspaper articles, a specific page number or range may be cited in the text, but no complete range of pages is needed for the entire article in a reference list.
- Newspaper articles may be cited in the text rather than in the reference list, so check with your professor on their citation preference for this type of source.

In-Text (2 types)	At start of passage: Delgado (2013) provided examples...	OR	At end of passage: (Delgado 2013)
Reference	Delgado, Jennifer. 2013. "Water Quality to Be Tested at All City Beaches." <i>Chicago Tribune</i> , May 25, 2013. http://lscsproxy.lonestar.edu/login?url=https://search-proquest-com.lscsproxy.lonestar.edu/docview/1355252922?accountid=7054 .		

Magazine Article in a Library Database Example

- Articles from library databases (in priority order) should list either the DOI, the permalink/stable URL, or the name of the library database (ask about your professor's preference).
- If page numbers are given for magazine articles, a specific page number or range may be cited in a note, but no complete range of pages is needed for the entire article in a reference list.

In-Text (2 types)	At start of passage: Lepore (2018, 88) explained that...	OR	At end of passage: (Lepore 2018, 88)
Reference	Lepore, Jill. 2018. "Back to the Blackboard." <i>New Yorker</i> , September 10, 2018. http://newyorker.eoncontent.ebscohost.com/1881337#&pageSet=44&contentItem=0 .		

Web Page Example

- List (in priority order) either a publication date, revision date, or access date.
- If no date of publication or revision is given, use n.d. (for "no date") in place of the year and include an access date.
- Web sources may be cited only in the text, depending on a professor's preference.

In-Text (2 types)	At start of passage: Piñon (2018) detailed the ways...	OR	At end of passage: (Piñon 2018)
Reference	Piñon, Adriana. 2018. "Your Rights in the Border Zone." American Civil Liberties Union of Texas. February 13, 2018. https://www.aclutx.org/en/news/your-rights-border-zone .		

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