Library Guide to Chicago Author-Date Reference List Citations (Sciences)

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General Guidelines

For the Author-Date format, references in the text of the paper are placed in parentheses, e. g. (Givens 2001). Use the title Reference List on list of references at end. Alphabetize entries by author’s last name. If there is no author’s name, alphabetize by the title, disregarding initial A, An, or The. Leave two spaces after periods separating sections of a citation. In each entry, indent the second and subsequent lines 0.5". Double space between lines in each entry and between each citation. To save space here, only the examples in boxes are double-spaced. Only the first word of titles and subtitles and journal names and proper nouns are capitalized. If desired, initials may be used for authors’ first and middle names.

BOOKS/ARTICLES IN BOOKS - Sample Book with One Author

Doyal, Lesley. 1995. What makes women sick: Gender and the political economy of health. New Brunswick: Rutgers UP.

KEY:

1. author 2. year of publication 3. title 4. city of publication 5. publisher

multiple authors or editors (up to 6) Note: for more than 6, list 3; then add the abbreviation et al.


edited work


chapter or section of an edited work or work in an anthology


article reprinted in a book collection


article in a general encyclopedia - Not listed in the Reference List; only referred to in the text or as a parenthetical reference.

Example: (World book encyclopedia, 1996 ed., s. v. “Genetic engineering.”)

article in a specialized encyclopedia - same as an edited work or section of edited work above.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS - Sample U.S. Document


KEY:

1. author or issuing government & agency 2. title 3. city of publication 4. publisher 5. year of publication

PERIODICALS - Sample Magazine Article


KEY:

1. author 2. year of publication 3. article title 4. periodical title 5. month of publication

Note: Page numbers of magazine articles may be omitted, or may be added following a comma, after the month, or in a note.

Sample Journal Article


KEY:

1. author 2. publication year 3. article title 4. periodical title 5. volume & page numbers

Note: Issue number may be included after volume, before pages, in parentheses. In no vol. number, issue is indicated: no. 32, after title, following comma.

newspaper article


unsigned newspaper article – use the newspaper name as the author

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newsletter – anonymous article -- from online subscription database

newspaper article from online subscription database

Sample Book from Online Subscription Database


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WORLD WIDE WEB SITES

Sample Web Page


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U.S. document from government site on World Wide Web