

# Council of Science Editors (CSE) Citation Styles

## What is CSE?

CSE (Council of Science Editors) style uses three different systems for citations: name-year, citation-sequence, and citation-name. According to the CSE Manual, all three systems are valid. Check with your instructor to see if there is a system they prefer, then pick one and stick with it.

## Name-Year System

This is the simplest of the three systems. For both in-text and end of text citations, the name of the author is followed by the year of publication. The generic structure of the citation is given first, in italics. This is followed by an example for each of these types: Book, Magazine article, Newspaper Article, Journal Article, and Website.

### Book

Last Name and Initial(s) of First Author, [Followed by Last Name and Initial(s) of Other Authors, if Any]. Date. Title. Edition [if any]. Place of publication: Publisher.

Boersma PD, Reichard SH, Van Buren AN. 2006. *Invasive species in the Pacific Northwest*. Seattle (WA): University of Washington Press.

### Magazine article

Author(s). Year Month Day of Publication. Title of article. Title of magazine: page numbers.

Frimodig A, Ramey K. 2009 Jan/Feb. Eel grass. *Outdoor California*: 6-11.

## Newspaper article

Author(s). Date. Title of article. Title of newspaper (edition). Section:beginning page of article (column no.).

Learn, S. 2010 May 14. Invasive organism discovered at coast. The Oregonian (Sunrise Ed.). Sect. B:2 (col. 1).

## Journal article

Author(s). Year of publication. Title of article. Title of journal Volume(Issue): page numbers.

Barnas KA, Wargo Rub AM, Sanderson BL. 2009. Nonindigenous species of the Pacific Northwest: An overlooked risk to endangered salmon? Bioscience 59(3):243-56.

## Website

Author(s); Title of web page [Internet]. [Date of publication/update]. Place of publication: Publisher; [date of citation]. Available from: (Insert URL).

Invasive plant management in Portland [Internet]. c2011. Portland (OR): City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services; [cited 2011 March 4]. Available from:  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=45696>

## Citation-sequence and citation-name systems

In the *citation-sequence* system, use numbers within the text to refer to the end of text citations. The end of text list of citations is numbered and citations are listed in the order they were first used in the text.

In the *citation-name* system, complete the list of end of text citations first. Organize the citations first alphabetically by author (then by title, if necessary). Number the citations

in that sequence and then use these numbers for the in- text citations, regardless of the order in which the in-text citations appear in the text. The good news is that the citations for both these systems are put together in the same way.

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