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.


Magazine article

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

Newspaper article

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


Journal article

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


Website

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


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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Book

Last Name and Initial(s) of First Author, [Followed by Last Name and Initial(s) of Other Authors, if Any]. Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher; Year of Publication. Number of Pages.


Magazine article

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


Newspaper article

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

Journal article

Author(s). Article Title. Title of Journal. Year of Publication; Volume (Issue): page numbers.


Website

Author(s); Title of Webpage [Internet]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication [Date of Update/Revision; Date of Citation]. Available from: (Insert URL)


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