Citing Sources - MLA Style

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Information and Examples

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Issues of Ethics

**Academic Integrity:** Ivy Tech Community College is committed to academic integrity in all its practices. Cheating on papers, tests, or other academic works is a violation of College rules. No student shall engage in behavior that, in the judgment of the instructor of the class, may be construed as cheating. This may include, but is not limited to, plagiarism or other forms of academic dishonesty such as the acquisition without permission of tests or other academic materials and/or distribution of these materials and other academic work. This includes students who aid and abet, as well as those who attempt such behavior.

Cases of student misconduct and/or lack of academic integrity are to be referred to the chief academic officer or chief student affairs officer. A student who violates the rules and regulations of the College may be subject to disciplinary actions which may include, but not limited to, the following: verbal reprimand; restitution for damages; restriction of privileges; failure of the assignment or course; withdrawal from a course, program or the College for the remainder of the semester or term; suspension from the College; dismissal from the College.

**Plagiarism:** Much of your college education will involve learning what others have written and then integrating those ideas into your own thinking. However, in academic writing any ideas or words not credited to another are assumed to be those of the author. Plagiarism occurs when you fail to give credit for ideas not original to you.

**What must be acknowledged?**
- Any direct quotation. The exact words quoted must be placed in quotation marks.
- Paraphrases and summaries of others’ ideas and/or words which provide background information, present facts not commonly known, and explain various positions on your topic.
- If an author presents an arguable assertion that may or may not be true, cite the source.
- Statistics, charts, tables, and graphs from any source. Credit all graphic material even if you create the graph.

The College considers the purchase of research papers or the employment of a person or agency to prepare such papers to be plagiarism. In addition, though you may get help in writing your paper, there are limits to the amount of help you can honestly receive. Others may read your paper and point out weaknesses, but they must not rewrite the paper for you. A problem can also occur if you submit the same paper for more than one course. Discuss the assignment with your current instructor.
MLA Style: In-text Citations and Works Cited

In-text Citation: Format (Citing a Source within Your Paper or Essay)

If the author is named in a signal phrase, only a page reference (if available) is needed for in-text citations:

According to computer expert and university professor John Smithson, “People, not computers, will create Millennium Mania” (23).

If the author is unnamed in the sentence, provide the last name and page number at the end:

One computer expert and university professor claims that “People, not computers, will create Millennium Mania” (Smithson 23).

Basic Works Cited and References Formats

At the end of your paper, you are to list the sources you cite using a style and format chosen by your instructor. The MLA (Modern Language Association) style refers to this list as Works Cited. Use these basic citation forms as a guideline and then examine the citation examples that follow. If your source does not provide a particular piece of information, you may skip it and move on to the next piece of your citation. (In most cases the state is not required with the city of publication.) Remember, too, you cite sources to give credit to their authors and to provide your readers with enough information to locate that source for further consideration.

MLA citations will have the titles of independently published works appear in Italics. Underlining is no longer used. Show the medium of publication at the end of the citation.

Works Cited Basic Format

Author Last Name, Author First Name. Title. City: Publisher, Year. Publication Medium.

General notes: Modern Language Association (MLA)

• This format requires in-text citations (author’s last name and page number) for quotations, paraphrases, or summaries of material from print and other sources.
• This format alphabetizes sources on a double-spaced Works Cited page.
• MLA follows conventional capitalization rules for article titles.
• Italicize titles of books and journals (refer to section 3.6.2 MLA Handbook).
• Use quotation marks for the titles of articles (refer to section 3.6.3 MLA Handbook).
• The Works Cited citation examples in this guide demonstrate hanging indentation. The first line is not indented, but additional lines are indented five character spaces.
• Entries in the Works Cited page are arranged in alphabetical order.
• Add the medium of publication at the end of the citation (e.g. Print for a print book or print journal).
• When no author is listed, go to the next piece of required information and begin the citation there.
• All journals include volume and issue number.
• For online sources the url is not cited; use Web to note an online source. Individual instructors may require the url. Always consult with your instructor for preferences!
**Format for Citing Library Subscribed Databases**

**Ivy Tech Community College Library Subscribed Databases**

This guide makes a distinction between online resources that are research databases subscribed to by Ivy Tech Community College Northwest and all other web- or Internet-based resources. These subscribed databases offer fulltext journals, magazines, newspapers, and books and can be accessed from regional Virtual Library start pages on- and off-campus.

To access Library resources log into Campus Connect [http://cc.ivytech.edu](http://cc.ivytech.edu) and select the Library tab.

Use your Campus Connect username and password if prompted.

**Works Cited Format:**
The following is based on section 5.6.4 of *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed.*

Author last name, first name. "Title of Article". *Title of Periodical*. Series (if relevant).

Volume and Issue (Date of periodical – year only if scholarly journal): pagination

(use n.pag. if not available). *Database*. Web. Date of Access (day Month year).

**For in-text Citations:** Provide the last name of the author(s) and use the page numbers provided if the article is given as an image of the original (e.g., in .pdf format).

**Example citations for Ivy Tech Virtual Library Databases**

**Biography Resource Center**

**Works Cited Format:**


**In-text Citation:** ("Joseph P. Kennedy")

**EBSCOhost (a service offering a number of databases)**

**Works Cited Format**


**In-text Citation:** (Jeffrey and French 278)
**Encyclopedia Britannica**

Works Cited Format:


**In-text Citation:** (“Diabetes Mellitus”)

**Health and Wellness Resource Center**

Works Cited Format:


**In-text Citation:** (Pfeifer 10)

**NetLibrary** (apply this example to ebrary, Humanities E-Book, and Books 24X7)

Works Cited Format:


**In-text Citation:** (Bell 32)

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**

Works Cited Format:


**In-text Citation:** (Rentschler)

**ProQuest**

Works Cited Format:


**In-text Citation:** (Cook and Ludwig 27)
Examples for Other Internet-based Resources

Advice for URLs (website addresses)

For resources from websites, use the URL only if the instructor requires it or the address is needed to locate the site. It should be in angle brackets, begin with http and located immediately after the date. It should end with a period. If you must break a URL address, break it after a slash (if possible) and do not add hyphens.

For in-text citations, use the page numbers provided if the article is given as an image of the original (e.g., in .pdf format). Provide paragraph numbers if available. If no page or paragraph numbers are available, omit them; do not use page numbers from printouts. Use N.p. if no publisher and n.d. if no date.

Document or information from a website

Works Cited Format:


In-text Citation: (Rolfe).

Entire Website - Works Cited Format:


In-text Citation: (Virtual Jamestown)

Article in an online magazine or journal (not a subscribed database):

Works Cited Format:


In-text Citation: (Boutin)

Print Resources

Work in Anthologies

In a Works Cited list you may cross-reference two or more selections from an anthology. Give the complete citation of the anthology, and in separate citations, give only the author, title of the selection from the anthology, the editor’s last name, and the page numbers. In the example below, the Angelou and Cobb works are included in Brunk’s anthology.

Works Cited Format:

In-text Citation: (Cobb 162)
**Books: One Author**
Author, Adam. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher, Year. Publication medium.

**Works Cited Format**

In-text Citation: (Tompkins 45)

**Books: Two or Three Authors**
Author, Adam, and Eve Authoress. *Title*. City: Publisher, Year. Publication medium.

**Works Cited Format:**

In-text Citation: (Rico and Mano 45)

**Books: Edited**
Editor, Edward, and Edith Editor, eds. *Title*. City: Publisher, Year. Publication medium.

**Works Cited Format:**

In-text Citation: (Hornblower and Spawforth 45)

**Collection of Essays**
Author(s). “Article Title”. *Title of Collection*. Ed. Editor(s) Name(s). City: Publisher, Year. Page Range of entry. Medium of publication.

**Works Cited Format:**

In-text Citation: (Pertman 29). [The original date of the reprinted article is unnecessary.]

**Encyclopedia & Other Reference Works**
Author, Adam. “Entry Title.” *Reference Title*. edition (if stated) Year. Publication medium.

**Works Cited Format:**

In-text Citation: (Cloos 561)
Works Cited Format:

In-text Citation: (“Child Directed Speech” 322)

Bible and Other Sacred Texts
When citing the Bible, Koran, Torah, or other sacred texts, provide the version title in the first in-text citation. Standard abbreviations for books within the text are allowed:

The teacher’s response to being ridiculed was to say, “Like the crackling of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of fools” (*Holy Bible: New International Version* Eccles. 7.6).

Thereafter, in-text citations can simply provide the book, chapter, and verse. In the works cited or reference list, follow the standard format.

Works Cited Format

Journal: One Author
Author, Adam. “Article Title”. *Journal Title* vol.series (Date of publication – for journals, the year): Inclusive page numbers. Medium of publication.

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (Knecht 68)

Journal: Multiple Authors (more than 3)

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (Bender et al. 1499)

OR

Works Cited Format:
Bender, Ralf, Karl-Heinz Jockel, Christoph Trautner, Maximilian Spraul, and Michael Berger.


In-text citation: (Bender, Jockel, Trautner, Spraul and Berger 1499)
Magazines: No Author
“Article Title.” Magazine Title Date (day, month, and year as available): Pages. Print.

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (“Radiation in Russia” 41)

Newspapers: No Author
“Article Title.” Newspaper Title Date (day, month, year): Pages. Print.

Works Cited Format:
Print.

In-text citation: (“Bayh Presents Tax... ” A9)

Audio Recording
Composer, Charles. "Song Title." Performer’s name if different from writer. Album Name.
Manufacturer, Issue Year (or n.d. if not known). Medium (e.g. Audiocassette, LP, CD).

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (McCain)

Radio Broadcast
“Episode Title” (if available). Program Title. Network Name. Call Letters and City of the Local 
Station if applicable. Broadcast date. Radio.

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (Car Talk)  
Note: no page numbers for radio or news broadcasts

TV: News Broadcast
Broadcast Title. Network. Call Letters, City of Local Station. Broadcast date. Television.

Works Cited Format:

In-text citation: (Fox News at 9:00)
**TV: Series Episode**

“Title of Episode.” *Program Title*. Network Name. Call Letters and City of the Local Station if applicable. Broadcast date. Television.

**Works Cited Format:**


**In-text citation:** (“Cicely”)

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**Motion Picture**

*Title*. Directors’ names. Performers’ names. Distributor, Distribution Year. Film.

**Works Cited Format:**


**In-text citation:** (*Independence Day*)

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**Personal Interview**

Name, First Name. Interview Type (personal or telephone). Date of Interview.

**Works Cited Format:**


**In-text citation:** (Smith)

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**E-Mail**

Name of writer. “Message Title” (taken from subject line). A description of the message (e.g. Message to the Author). Date of Message. E-mail.

**Works Cited Format:**

Weaver, Barbara. “Date Stickers.” Message to Janet Katich. 8 July 2009. E-mail.

**In-text citation:** (Weaver)
Shirley Knot
Instructor Leslie More
Sociology 101
9 September 2005

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