

The CSE Manual (8th ed., 2014)

This guide summarizes the standards developed by the Council of Science Editors (CSE) in *Scientific Style and Format: The CSE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*. It details formatting rules for three systems for citing references and in-text citations: Citation-Name, Citation-Sequence, and Name-Year. The Name-Year system is used here since it is the most common.

REFERENCES and IN-TEXT CITATION FORMAT

General Rules:

1. Author names are listed last name first, followed by initials (but without periods). Multiple authors are separated by a comma, and works with more than 10 authors use “et al.” after the tenth author.
2. Organization authors are listed by their acronym in brackets, followed by the full name (see website example below).
3. For article and book title entries capitalize only the first word of the title and proper nouns.
4. Journal titles are listed using abbreviations based on ISO 4 standards (but without periods). Click on [Biological Journals and Abbreviations](#) for one such source.
5. Latin or scientific names that appear in the title are italicized (see master’s thesis example below).

Books	
• Single Author In-Text Citation	Keddy PA. 2010. <i>Wetland ecology: principles and conservation</i> . 2nd ed. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Keddy 2010)
• 2 to 10 Authors In-Text Citation	Allen C, Prior P, Hayward AC. 2005. <i>Bacterial wilt: the disease and the <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> species complex</i> . St. Paul (MN): APS Press. (Allen et al. 2005) – If only 2 authors: (Allen and Prior 2005)
• Edited Volume In-Text Citation	Manne L. 2012. Island species with nowhere to go. In: Brodie JF, Doak DF, Post ES, editors. <i>Wildlife conservation in a changing climate</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press. p. 226-244. (Manne 2012)
• Ebook In-Text Citation	Griffiths AJF, Miller JH, Suzuki DT, Lewontin RC, Gelbart WM. 2000. <i>Introduction to genetic analysis</i> . 7th ed. New York: W. H. Freeman & Co.; [accessed 2020 Dec 7]. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK21766/ . (Griffiths et al. 2000)
Periodicals	
• Scholarly Journal	Smart N, Fang ZY, Marwick TH. 2003. A practical guide to exercise training for heart failure patients. <i>J Card Fail.</i> 9(1):49-58.
• Online Journal	Savage E, Ramsay M, White J, Beard S, Lawson H, Hunjan R, Brown D. 2005. Mumps outbreaks across England and Wales in 2004: observational study. <i>BMJ</i> . [accessed 2020 Dec 7];330(7500):1119-1120. https://www.bmj.com/content/bmj/330/7500/1119 . doi:10.1136/bmj.330.7500.1119.
• Magazine	Losos JB. 2001 Mar. Evolution: a lizard’s tale. <i>Sci Am.</i> 284(3):64-69.
• Newspaper	Yoon CK. 2000 Dec 26. DNA clues improve outlook for red wolf. <i>New York Times</i> . Sect. F:10 (col. 1).
Website	
• Website Article In-Text Citation	[CDC] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 2020 Dec 2. Domestic travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. Washington (DC): U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; [accessed 2020 Dec 7]. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html . (CDC 2020)
Theses	
• Master’s Thesis	Chelangat J. 2012. Analysis of volatile compounds in blue crab (<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>) meat harvested from the East Coast of the United States [master’s thesis]. [Princess Anne (MD)]: University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Instructions for References Page using Name-Year System:

- Each in-text citation within the research paper must have a corresponding entry on the References page.
- All entries are double spaced and listed alphabetically by author's last name.
- Check with your professor whether to use a hanging indent or maintain a left-justified format.

SAMPLE REFERENCES PAGE

References

Allen C, Prior P, Hayward AC. 2005. Bacterial wilt: the disease and the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex. St. Paul (MN): APS Press.

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Chelangat J. 2012. Analysis of volatile compounds in blue crab (*Callinectes sapidus*) meat harvested from the East Coast of the United States [master's thesis]. [Princess Anne (MD)]: University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

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