

How to cite articles or books in your papers

Your final version of the Intro section (due the last week of class, along with the final Abstract) should have citations. Please use appropriate formats for these.

Different journals use slightly different formats. I have put one of the most common formats below (from the Ecological Society of America) for both citations of articles or books in the text and then in the bibliography. A common variant is to put the year of publication in parentheses in the bibliographies and then not use a “.” after it. If the journal that you normally use has a different format, then show me their guidelines and I’ll let you use them. NOTE: Science and Nature have odd, abbreviated formats that are not generally followed; do not use them.

Citations from internet only sources are still new, and not discussed in the urls I checked. It is probably best to cite them the same way as papers (in journals, not books) in the text, and to just substitute the exact url for the journal and page information you’d use in article citations.

Citations in the text

An in-text citation contains information on author and year, so that someone reading your paper can find the fuller information in your bibliography and then follow-up and read the original source of your information. An in-text citation can be created in many ways depending upon your writing style.

General guidelines:

- If there is one author, include the author's last name and date of publication
- If there are two authors, include both authors' last names and date of publication
- If there are three or more authors, include the last name of the first author followed by *et al.* (in italics) and date of publication

Example 1:

In addition, floods are fundamental in driving the disturbance regime (Bendix 2000).

Example 2:

Our results show that the favorable conditions hypothesis (Levine and D'Antonio 1999) and resource heterogeneity hypothesis (Davies et al. 2005) may not be mutually exclusive.

Example 3:

Root porosity for *Carex nigra* was similar to those obtained by Visser et al. (2000) in hydroponic cultures.

Citation formats for the Bibliographies.

NOTE: 1. only the first word and proper nouns (including genus, but not species) are capitalized
2. journal articles, chapters in books and books themselves are all cited differently.

Journal article

One author

Last name, First initial. Second initial. Date. Title. Journal title volume number:pages.

Example: Abrams, P. A. 1987. The functional responses of adaptive consumers of two resources. *Theoretical Population Biology* 32:262-288.

Two or more authors

Last name, First initial. Second initial., First initial. Second initial. Last name, and First initial. Second initial. Last name. Date. Title. Journal title **volume number**:pages.

Example: Hjalten, J., K. Danell, and P. Lundberg. 1993. Herbivore avoidance by association: vole and hare utilization of woody plants. *Oikos* **68**:125-131.

Chapter in a book

Last name, First initial. Second initial., First initial. Second initial. Last name, and First initial. Second initial. Date. Chapter title. Pages *in* First initial. Second initial. Last name and First initial. Second initial. Last name. Book title. Publisher name, City of publication, State of publication, Country of publication.

Example: Abrams, P. A., B. A. Menge, and G. G. Mittelbach. 1995. The role of indirect effects in food webs. Pages 371-395 *in* G. Polis and K. O. Winemiller, editors. *Food webs: integration of patterns and dynamics*. Chapman and Hall, New York, New York, USA.

Book

Last name, First initial. Second initial., First initial. Last name, and First initial. Second initial. Last name. Date. Book title. Publisher, City of publication, State of publication, Country of publication.

Example: Drake, J. A., F. DiCasti, and R. H. Groves. 1989. *Biological invasions: a global perspectives*. Wiley, New York, New York, USA.

Government document

Last name, First initial. Second initial., First initial. Second initial. Last name, and First initial. Last name. Document title. Report number. Government agency, Agency division, City of publication, State of publication, Country of publication.

Example: Maschinski, J., H. D. Hammond, and L. Holter, editors. *Southwestern rare and endangered plants: proceedings of the second conference*. General Technical Report RM-GTR-283. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA.