CHICAGO STYLE: WHAT IS IT?

“Chicago Manual of Style” or “Chicago Style” refers to the publication style of the University of Chicago Press, which started in 1891. This documentation and layout style for authors, editors, designers, and publishers evolved over the century and the most recent 16th edition addresses the needs of digital publication and manuscripts. Chicago Style is the third most popular documentation style after MLA and APA. It is used by professionals in history, literature, and the arts. It is also used in many non-scholarly publications.

This handout summarizes documentation style and practice for the Chicago Manual of Style, but you can learn more about Chicago style as it is applied to academic writing in the Chicago Manual of Style Online. There are two systems of Chicago Style documentation. The Notes and Bibliography (N-B) system requires the use of footnotes and a bibliography. The Author-Date system looks more like APA style with parenthetical citations and reference list. Below is a sample. Bibliography and reference list look very similar but not exact. In the Author-Date reference list, the year appears right after the author.

Notes-Bibliography System

Footnote (footnote is not formatted with superscript; indented; no comma after title in footnote)


Bibliography (include a hanging indentation)


Author-Date System

Parenthetical Citation (no comma after author and date; no “p.” for pages)

(Ngai 2004, 2).

References

**CHICAGO STYLE: GENERAL FORMAT FOR NOTES-BIBLIOGRAPHY SYSTEM**

This handout provides examples for the N-B System. For more detail and more Notes-Bibliography examples, visit [www.chicagomanualofstyle.org](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org).

**Book and Edited Book**

Number. First Name Last Name, (include "ed." or "eds." if it is edited), “If Applicable Provide Title of Essay(s) in Book Chapter: Capitalize Proper Nouns,” *Italicized Title of Longer Works or Resources Such as Book Title* (Location: Publisher, Year), page number-page number.

Notes:


2. Ibid., 118.


**In the Note:** When you have four or more authors, use “et al.” after the first author in the notes. See note #3 for example.

Ibid. means “in the same place” and is used to cite the immediately preceding note. See note #2 for example.

If another source is cited and then you refer back to the same source, provide last names and an abbreviated title. See note #4 for example.

**Bibliography:**


**In the Bibliography:** When you have four to ten authors, write out the name of all authors. If you have more than ten, write out the first seven authors, then follow by “et al.”
**Article in Print Journal or Online Journal**

Number. First Name Last Name, “Title of Article,” *Italicized Title of Journal* Volume number, Issue number (year): page or pages. [If on online journal or publisher, add date of access, if requested by publisher/faculty.][ If found on online journal, provide DOI. If no DOI, provide URL.]

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**Other Resources: Newspaper Article Print or Online**

Newspapers are cited in notes or parenthetical references but not in bibliographies, unless when specifically needed.

Note for a Print Newspaper Article:

Note for an Online Newspaper Article:


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**Other Resources: Website**

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Other Resources: YouTube Video

Follow the general format for non-periodical web document or report with access date and URL. Provide as much information as possible, including who directed or produced the video (if available).

Notes:


Bibliography:


Other Resources: Phone Interviews, etc.

Phone interview, blog, entries, email or text messages are rarely listed in Bibliography. They may be listed in the running text and notes.

According to a phone interview with Sohui Lee on October 5, 2015 . . .

1. Sohui Lee, phone interview, October 5, 2015 (4:14 p.m.).

RESOURCES

The following resources may help you cite other sources that are not listed in this handout, as well as provide you with more examples on writing in Chicago Notes-Bibliography style.

http://www.csuci.edu/wmc/student-citation.htm

We provide the most updated guides on N-B formatting and style.

The Chicago Manual of Style