ASA Style Citations
(American Sociological Society)


ASA style requires that sources receive attribution in the text by the use of parenthetical in-text references. General guidelines for in-text references are on page 4 of this guide, along with other rules related to paper format and the “References” list.

### Book: One Author

**Format:**  
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. *Title*. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.

**Sample Citation:**  

### Book: Two or More Authors

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[Note on location of publisher: In the publisher’s location information, state abbreviations are not included when (1) the city’s location is very well known, as in Chicago or Los Angeles or (2) when the state is part of the publisher’s name, as in the university press examples below.]

**Sample Citations:**  


### Electronic Book

**Format:**  
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. *Title*. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher. Retrieved Month Day, Year (URL).

**Sample Citation:**  
### Chapter in a Book

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. "Title of Chapter/Article." Pp. inclusive page numbers in *Title*, edited by First Initial. Middle Initial. Last Name. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.

**Sample Citation:**

### Multi-Volume Works

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. *Title of Series*. Vol. #, *Title of Volume*. City, State Abb./Country of Publisher: Publisher.

**Sample Citation:**

### Journal Article: Print

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. "Title." *Journal Name* volume #(issue #): inclusive page numbers.

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### Journal Article: Available Online Only

**Format:**

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### Journal Article: Online But Also Available in Print

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In-Text Citation Guidelines

If the author's name is mentioned in the text, use a parenthetical reference to show the year of publication at the end of the sentence. Example:

...Welch contends that this is not the case (1991).

If the author's name is not mentioned in the text, it should be included along with the year of publication within parentheses. Example:

...but it has been argued that this was not the case (Welch 1991).

Page numbers should be included within parentheses after the year of publication. These are separated by a colon and no spaces. Example:

...but it has been argued that this was not the case (Welch 1991:136).

The following forms should be used for multiple authors:

A recent study confirmed her belief (Johnson and Smith 1995:34).

This was reinforced by recent research on the topic (Johnson, Smith, and Marcus 1999).

If a text has more than three authors, the term "et al." with no additional punctuation marks may be used after the first author listed in the publication credits.

This was not accurate according to a recent study (Johnson et al. 2003).

If multiple sources are cited for the same statement, the author and publication year should be distinguished from other texts with a semi-colon. Cited texts should be arranged by author name or by date; arrangement should be consistent throughout the paper. Example:

Some studies have refuted these arguments (Benson 1993; Nguyen 1999; Brown and Goggans 2000).

For additional information on in-text citation using the ASA style, see the American Sociological Association Style Guide, 4th edition, pp. 43-45.