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What is it?

Academic writing requires authors to support their arguments with reference to other published work or experimental results/findings. A reference system will perform three essential tasks:

▪ Enable you to acknowledge other authors’ ideas (avoid plagiarism).
▪ Enable a reader to quickly locate the source of the material you refer to so they can consult it if they wish.
▪ Indicate to the reader the scope and depth of your research.

The Harvard style is a widely used referencing system to help you achieve these objectives.

How do I use the Harvard Referencing Style?

The Harvard style involves two tasks:

▪ How you refer to other authors in the body of your text (in-text citation).
▪ How you compile a list of reference sources at the end of your text (reference list).

What does it look like?

Here is an extract showing what in-text citations look like in the Harvard Style (Where you are not quoting another’s specific ideas or exact words. See the next page for these.)

It has been claimed that due to funding being almost exclusively available from the Irish Film Board (IFB), Irish film makers are restricted to the type of Ireland they can depict in their work (MacDougall, 2009). Jervir (2011) argues that subjects such as Northern Ireland are disproportionately represented as these are key areas of interest to the IFB.

Here is an example of what a Reference List looks like in the Harvard Style


Quotation

Quoting ideas
If you are including the ideas of another person from a specific page range or page in a source, rather than direct quotation, Harvard also requires you to include a page number. Your quote would look something like this

In the review it was noted that research shows open plan office spaces damage workers' attention span, creativity and satisfaction (Davis et al., 2011, p. 22).

If you are unclear as to when to include a page number when quoting ideas, discuss this with your lecturer or tutor. Bring along examples to show them.

The Harvard Style dictates that when using another's exact words, known as direct quotation, then those words must be placed in inverted commas/quotation marks (" or ") followed by an in-text citation that includes the Author Last name, Year and page numbers. Inverted commas/quotation marks can be single or double, simply be consistent or check with your lecturer/school. See our two examples below.

Short quotations
Short quotations are generally held to be two or three lines in length. An example of a short direct quotation would be

It was reported that 'findings show children have a high level of enjoyment, while exercising with the system as indicated by the positive responses to all three questions' (Fitzgerald et al., 2008, p. 66).

Long quotations
Long quotations are generally held to be longer than three lines. These are laid out in a separate paragraph of text and indented. No inverted commas/quotation marks are included. An example of a long quotation would be

In their research on rehabilitation using Wobbleballs, Fitzgerald and her team conclude that:

The fourth question collected some feedback from children and while most provided positive comments a small number of children (n=13) mentioned that the wobble board was “difficult to control” or “hard to use”. We must therefore investigate some easier methods to control the game as an option for some children. Future research is
needed to investigate the benefits of the system as an exercise intervention for children and to examine how training using Wobbleball could be integrated into the existing physical education curriculum in schools. (Fitzgerald et al., 2008, p. 66)

In this guide we show how common reference types should look in your reference list (Reference) along with an example. Immediately following this will be two samples of how that reference should appear as an In-Text-Citation.

If the exact reference type you are looking for is not shown in this guide, look for one similar and follow the same rules. Alternatively consult the book “Cite them Right,” by Richard Pears and Graham Shields which is available in UCD Library.

**Book with one author**

Reference: Author/Editor Last name, Initials. (Year) Title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:

- Author Last name (Year)
- (Author Last name, Year)

Example:

- According to McLeskey (2013)
- As has been argued (McLeskey, 2013)

**Book with two or three authors**

Reference: First author Last name, Initials, second author Last name, Initials and third author Last name, Initials. (Year) Title. Place of publication: Publisher.

In-Text-Citation:
- First author Last name, Second author Last name and third author Last name (Year)
- (First author Last name, Second author Last name and third author Last name, Year)

Example:
- Shalloway, Murphy and Trott (2001) suggest that.....
- It has been suggested (Shalloway, Murphy and Trott, 2001)

Book with four or more authors

Reference: First Author’s Last name, Initials. et al. (Year) Title. Place of publication: Publishing company.


In-Text-Citation:
- First author Last name et al. (Year)
- (First author Last name et al. Year)

Example:
- McGeady et al. (2006) suggest....
- It has been suggested (McGeady et al., 2006)....

Book with a corporate author

Reference: Name of corporate author (Year) Title. Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:
- Name of corporate author (Year)
- (Name of corporate author, Year)

Example:
- Figures from the Department of Agriculture (2000) show that....
- Figures from other sources (Department of Agriculture, 2000) show....
**Book with an editor**

Reference: Editor(s) Last name, Initials. (ed.) (Year) *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:
- Editor’s Last name (Year)
- (Editor’s Last name, Year)

Example:
- This was examined in O’Riordain (2001)....
- Others have examined this claim (O’Riordain, 2001)....

**Chapter in an edited book**

Reference: Chapter Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Chapter title', in Editor’s(s) last name, Initials. (ed.) *Book title*. Place of publication: Publisher, page range.


In-Text-Citation:
- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:
- This was proposed by Rose (2000)....
- It has been proposed (Rose, 2000)....

**Electronic Book (e-Book)**

Reference: Authors’ Last name, Initials. (Year) *Title of book*. Available at: URL (Downloaded: Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:
- Author’s Last name (year)
• (Author’s Last name, year)

Example:

• Luhr (2012) suggests that the Coen brothers...
• It has been argued that “The Coen brothers represent a revolution in cinematography” (Luhr, 2012, Chapter 2, 22%).

**Translated Ancient Texts**

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year) *Title*. Translated by (if relevant). Edition (if beyond 1st Edition). Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:

• Author Last name (Year)

Example:

• In this tale Sophocles (1999)....
• This tale describes a sister’s fight to have her brother buried, and its tragic consequences (Sophocles, 1999).

Note: The format for this example is taken from the book “Cite them Right” by Richard Pears and Graham Shields. If your school uses a different format, go by the School format. Alternatively, check with your module coordinator if the above format will be accepted.

**Translated Books**

Reference: Author/Editor Last name, Initials. (Year translation published) *Title*. Translated by translator(s) Initials and Last name. Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:

• Author Last name (Year)
• (Author Last name, Year)

Example:

• Kafka (2016) evokes alienation....
• This novella describes alienation via a physical transformation (Kafka, 2016).

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Print Journal article with one author


In-Text-Citation:

▪ Author(s) Last name (Year)
▪ (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

▪ Tovey (2002) argues....
▪ It has been argued (Tovey, 2002)....

Print Journal with two or three authors

Reference: First Author Last name, Initials and Second Author Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Article title', Journal title, Volume(Issue), pp. page numbers.


In-Text-Citation:

▪ First author Last name and second author Last name (Year)
- (First author Last name and second author Last name, Year)

Example:
- Lopez and Rodriguez (2011) suggest that.....
- It has been suggested (Lopez and Rodriguez, 2011)....

Print journal with four or more authors


In-Text-Citation:
- First author Last name et al. (Year)
- (First author Last name et al., Year)

Example:
- Janssen et al. (2014) suggest.....
- It has been suggested (Janssen et al., 2014)....

E-journal article


In-Text-Citation:
- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example
- Hawke, Wadsworth and DeFries (2006) argue ....
▪ Others have shown (Hawke, Wadsworth and DeFries, 2006) ....

Print Newspaper article

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) ‘Article title’, Journal Title (published online ahead of print Day Month). Available at: DOI/URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

Author(s) Last name (Year)

(Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

Hawke, Wadsworth and DeFries (2006) argue ....

Others have shown (Hawke, Wadsworth and DeFries, 2006) ....

Note: In the absence of clear guidelines from the title "Cite Them Right", this is how UCD Library interpreted online advice on referencing ahead of print journal publications.

Print Newspaper article

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) ‘Article title’, Newspaper Title, date, page numbers.


In-Text-Citation:

▪ Author(s) Last name (Year)

▪ (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

▪ O’Dea (2006) proposed....
The article (O’Dea, 2006) argues....

Online Newspaper article

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) ‘Article title’, Newspaper Title, day month of publication. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:
- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:
- Keenan (2011) reported....
- In the report (Keenan, 2011)....

Page on a website

Reference: Webpage Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year) Page title. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:
- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:
- Kelly (2004) responded....
- In the response (Kelly, 2004)....
Website

Reference: Website author (Year published/Last updated) Title of Internet Site. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation: (Website name, Year)

Example: Information available from their website (International Tourism Partnership, 2004) ....

Encyclopaedia and dictionaries, with authors and editors

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Entry Title', in Editors Last name, Initials (eds) Title. Edn. Place of publication: Publisher. Series and Volume (if available).


In-Text-Citation:

Author Last name (Year, page number)

(Author Last name, Year, page number)

Example:

According to Murphy (2002, p. 253) 'Byzantine' is defined as …

'Byzantine' is defined as 'A term used to describe the art associated with the eastern Roman empire, which commenced with the emperor Constantine's foundation of his capital, Constantinople, on the site of the small town of Byzantion 324-30.' (Murphy, 2002, p. 253).

Online Encyclopaedia and Dictionaries

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Entry title' in Editors Last name, Initials (eds) Title. Series and volume. Available at: url (Accessed day month year).

Example: Brandon, S. (2008) 'Barry, James (c. 1799-1865)' in Oxford Dictionary of National Biography. Available at:

In-Text-Citation:

Author Last name (Year)

(Author Last name, Year)

Example:

Brandon (2008) describes how Margaret Bulkley disguises herself as a man to become the surgeon James Barry.

Margaret Bulkley disguises herself as a man to become the surgeon James Barry (Brandon, 2008).

In the example above there are no editors or series and volume details, therefore these are not included in the reference.

Online Encyclopaedia and Dictionaries, no authors or editors

Reference: 'Entry title' (Year) Title. Available at: url (Accessed day month year).


In-Text-Citation:

• 'Entry Title' (Year)
• ('Entry Title', Year)

Example:

• The ‘Canadian Shield’ (2020) is composed of crystalline rock.
• This landmass is composed of crystalline rock ('Canadian Shield', 2020).

Blog

Reference: Author(s) Last name, First name. (Year site published/Last updated) ‘Title of message’, Title of Internet Site, Day Month of posted message. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).

In-Text-Citation:

- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example

- O’Connor (2010) proposed....
- It was proposed elsewhere (O’Connor, 2010)

Email communication

Reference: Sender Last name, Initials. (Year of message) Email to name of recipient, Day Month of communication.


In-Text-Citation:

- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

- In an email response (Scott, 2010)
- In an email to this author (Scott, 2010)

Facebook

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year page/post published) Title of page [Facebook] Day Month of post. Available at: url of post (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name Year)

Example:

- DSPCA (2017) reported on there being a number of kittens ...
• It was reported that the DSPCA has kittens for potential adoption (DSPCA, 2017).

Note: if no author is available start with the title in italics and use title (in italics) with year for your in-text citation.

Twitter

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year of post) [Twitter] Day Month of tweet. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

• Author(s) Last name (Year)
• (Authors(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

• UCD School of Archaeology (2014) reports that lactose intolerance ....
• It has been found that after 5,000 year of agriculture, early Europeans remained intolerant to lactose (UCD School of Archaeology, 2014).

Note: date of post is used for in-text citation.

Instagram

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initials. (Year of post) 'Title of post' [Instagram]. Day Month of tweet. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

• Author(s) Last name (Year)
• (Authors(s) Last name, Year)

Example:
• UCD Quinn School of Business offers well-being advice to students working at home (2020) ....
• There is well-being advice available for students (UCD Quinn School of Business, 2020).

Images/Photographs

Reference: Photographer/Creator Last name, Initial(s). (Year) Title of image/photograph [Photograph/Image]. Place of publication: Publisher.


In-Text-Citation:

• Author(s) Last name (Year)
• (Authors(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

• O’Meara (2014) shows a perfect example of the epipactis atrorubens.
• The velvety red of the epipactis atrorubens is demonstrated in the photo displayed (O’Meara, 2014).

Images/Photographs (Online)


In-Text-Citation:

As detailed for Images/Photographs above.

Lectures or Presentations

Reference: Author(s) Last name, Initial(s). (Year) ‘Title of lecture/presentation’ [Medium], Module Code: Module title. Institution. Day Month.

In-Text-Citation:

- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Authors(s) Last name, Year)

Example:

- De Burca (2014) described the complicated system of radiographic services......
- There is a complicated system of geriatric radiographic services (De Burca, 2014).

**Group or Individual Work**


In-Text-Citation:

- Author(s) Last name et al. (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name et al., Year)

Example:

- Woods et al. (2014) detailed a model for corporate governance.....
- There have been complete models for corporate governance in the Irish non-profit and charity sector (Woods et al., 2014).

*Note: use the “et al.” for three or more authors just like for a book/journal etc.*
Interviews (television)

Reference: Last name, Initials of person interviewed. (Year of interview) ‘Title of the interview (if any)’. Interview by/with Interviewer’s First name Last name, Title of publication, Day Month of Publication, page numbers if present.


In-Text-Citation:
- Interviewee(s) Last name (Year)
- (Interviewee(s) Last name, Year)

Example
- Kenny (2010) claimed in an interview....
- In an interview on RTE (Kenny, 2010)....

Interviews (newspaper)

Reference: Last name, Initials of person interviewed. (Year of interview) ‘Title of the interview (if any)’. Interview by/with Interviewer’s First name Last name, Title of publication, Day Month of Publication, page numbers if present.


In-Text-Citation:
- Interviewee(s) Last name (Year)
- (Interviewee(s) Last name, Year)

Example:
- O’Brien (2014) outlined honesty as key to parenting......
- Honesty is seen as key to parenting through the teenage years (O’Brien, 2014).

Interviews (in person or virtual)

Reference: Last name, Initials of person interviewed. (Year of interview) ‘Title of the interview (if any)’. Interview by Interviewer’s First name Last name [virtual medium if appropriate], Day Month of interview.

In-Text-Citation:

- Interviewee last name (Year)
- (Interviewee last name, Year)

Example:

- O’Nally (2020) talked about the importance of a quiet space......
- Having a designated quiet space was very important to the interviewee (O’Nally, 2020).

**Government agency publication**

Reference: Name of government department (Year) *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher (Series if applicable). Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

- Department (Year)
- (Department, Year)

Example:

- The Department of Health & Children (2006) have shown....
- In a similar report (Department of Health & Children, 2006) it was shown...

**Parliamentary and legal material**


In-Text-Citation: (Country. Title of Legislation Year)

EU publications
Reference: Name of EU Institution (Year) Title. Place of Publication: Publisher.
In-Text-Citation: (Name of EU Institution, Year)
Example: The predicted growth (European Commission, 2003) did not occur....

Conferences
Reference: Author(s) Last Name, Initials. (Year) ‘Title of paper’, Title of conference: subtitle. Location and date of conference. Place of publication: Publisher, Pages numbers.
In-Text-Citation:
- Author(s) Last name (Year)
- (Author(s) Last name, Year)
Example:
- O’Connor (2009) was able to highlight....
- Others (O’Connor, 2009) have shown .....
- Author Last name (Year)
- (Author Last name, Year)

Example:
- Allen (2009) disagrees with this.....
- As argued elsewhere (Allen, 2009)....

**Film or Television**

Reference: *Title of film* (Year of distribution) Director [Format]. Place of distribution: Distribution company.


In-Text-Citation:
- *Title of film, Year*
- *(Title of film, Year)*

Example:
- The portrait shown in *The lives of others* (2007)....
- *East Germany was the subject of a recent successful movie* (The lives of others, 2007)....

**Film on YouTube**

Reference: Name of person posting video (Year video posted) Title of film or programme. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:
- Poster's Last name (Year)
- (Poster's Last name, Year)

Example:
- Podge tries to foil Christmas in this Christmas special (APintTurtle, 2008)....
• APintTurtle's (2008) posted a version of ‘Zig & Zag - Christmas Crises’...

Streaming Services - Film (Netflix, Amazon Prime etc.)

Reference: *Title of film* (Year of distribution) Directed by. DOI or Available at: Name of streaming service (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

• *Title of Film* (Year)
• *(Title of Film, Year)*

Example:

• The portrait shown in *The Truman Show* (1998)....
• The portrait show has been described as a religious analogy (*The Truman Show*, 1998)...

Streaming Services - Series episode (Netflix, Amazon Prime etc.)

Reference: 'Title of episode' (if known) (Year of original broadcast) *Title of Series*, Series/Season, episode number. Production company. Available at: Name of streaming service (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

• In the episode, 'Julian' (2017)....
• In the episode 'Julian' we meet Harry Ambrose for the first time ('Julian', 2017)...

Example:

• The portrait shown in *The Truman Show* (1998)....
• The portrait show has been described as a religious analogy (*The Truman Show*, 1998)....
Podcasts

Reference: Author/Presenter Last name, Initial(s). (Year site published/updated) Title of podcast. [Podcast]. Day Month Year of podcast posted. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

- Author’s/Presenter’s Last name (year)
- (Author’s/Presenter’s Last name, year)

Example:

- Reddy (2013) outlines how Irish crime fiction.....
- It has been argued Irish Crime fiction has strong gender typing (Reddy, 2013).

Datasets

Reference: Authors Last name, Initial(s). (Year) 'Title of dataset'. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).


In-Text-Citation:

- (Author last name, Year)

Example:

- The TILDA study has shown the impact of emigration on older fathers in particular (Leahy et al., 2012)....
Case Studies

Reference: Author/editor Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Title of case study' [Case Study], Journal Title, Volume (Issue), pp. page numbers. Available at: URL (Accessed Day Month Year).

Example:


In-Text-Citation:

• (Author last name, Year)
• Author last name (Year)...

Example:

• In their case study Ofek et al. (2014) describe how marketing to the young generation...

Musical Scores

Reference: Composer last name, Initials. (Year) Title of score. Notes. Place of publication: Publisher.

Example:


In-Text-Citation:

• (Author Last name, Year)
• Author Last name (Year)...

Example:

• Handel's score is beautifully arranged by Vincent Novello (Handel, 1912)...

Music Streaming or Subscription Services

Reference: Band/Artists Last name, Initials. (Year of release) 'Title of song', Title of Album. Available at: Name of streaming or subscription service (Accessed Day Month Year).

In-Text-Citation:

- Artist Last name/Band name (Year)
- (Artist Last name/Band name, Year)

Example:

- Fitzgerald (1964) sings about the uselessness of starting any new relationship...
- In the song, 'My Last Affair' she sings about the hurt caused in love (Fitzgerald, 1964).

CD or Vinyl Records

Reference: Artist Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Title of track', Title of Album [CD] or [Vinyl]. Place of distribution: Distribution company.


In-Text-Citation:

- Artist Last name (Year)
- (Artist Last name, Year)

Example:

- In his track 'Put 'em down blues' Armstrong (1987)....
- 'Put 'em down blues' (Armstrong, 1987) is typical of the sound this artist can create with his ensembles...

Note: If referring to a whole album, cite as above, simply leaving out the 'Title track' element of the reference.

Repository Item

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Title of article'. Title of Journal [Preprint], Volume (Issue No.) pp. page numbers. Available at: URL (Accessed: Day Month Year).

Example:


In-Text-Citation:
• Last name (Year)
• (Last name, year)

Example:

• Kelly (2014) highlights social inequality....
• Crime and inequality go hand in hand (Kelly, 2014)...

Secondary Sources

When referring to the work of an author whom you have read in another source, but not read directly yourself, list the full details of the secondary source in the reference listing and in your in-text citation use the term "cited in" or "citing". In the reference list format the secondary reference as you would any reference of that type. For example a journal article below is shown.

Reference: Author Last name, Initials. (Year) 'Article title', Journal Title, Volume(Issue), pp. page numbers.

Example:


In-Text-Citation:

• Secondary Author Last name (Year, page no.) cites Original Author's surname (Year)....
• (Original Author Last name, Year, cited in Secondary Author Last name, Year, Page no.)

Example:

• Seeberg (2013, p. 160) cites Waltham's work on migration (2010)...
• (Waltham, 2010, cited in Seeberg, 2013, p. 10)...

Citing same author, multiple works, same year

To cite multiple works by the same author in the same year, use lower-case letters after the publication date in your in-text citations. This applies to any type of source including books, journal articles, tweets etc.
In-Text-Citation:

Research has focused on whether high-density housing, in city centres, is one answer to mitigate against homelessness (Wilmot 2020a; 2020b).

Wilmot (2020a) conducted intense research work with community organisations on homelessness. She came to the conclusion that high-density, city centre housing was not the answer (Wilmot 2020b).

Example:

Wilmot M. (2020a) Inclusion: When will we have a Home for Life? Dublin: Pearson.

Wilmot M. (2020b) Solutions and Barriers to Homelessness. Dublin: Pearson

Further Help

EndNote is a software application that allows researchers store and manage all references in one place. It is available via Software for U and the Library runs regular introductory and advanced training sessions.

- Users can record, store and manage references in hundreds of citation styles.
- Users can add references manually or search and download directly from online databases and library catalogues.
- EndNote Cite While You Write features allows users to insert citations easily and creates bibliographies automatically in Microsoft Word and Apple's Pages '09

More information about Library support for Endnote is available on dedicated EndNote Subject Guide.