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Material Type	In-Text Citation	Reference List
Book: one author	(Strongman, 2013, p. 45)	Author Year <i>Book Title</i> (italicised) Publisher:
		Strongman, L. (2013). <i>Academic writing</i> . Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
Book: two authors	(Prevatt-Goldstein & Mallows, 2026, p. 25)	Prevatt-Goldstein, A., & Mallows, D. (2026). <i>Critical perspectives on academic writing: The politics and practices of writing development in UK higher education</i> . UCL Press.
Book: three and more authors	(Shubitz et al., 2019, p. 25)	Shubitz, S., Dorfman, L. R., Roberts, K., & Roberts, M. B. (2019). <i>Welcome to writing workshop: Engaging today's students with a model that works</i> . Routledge.
Book: (Second Edition or later)	(Landrum, 2025, p. 11)	Landrum, R. E. (2025). <i>An easy guide to APA style</i> (5th ed.). SAGE Publications.
Book: (editors)	(MacArthur et al., 2025)	MacArthur, C. A., Graham, S., & Fitzgerald, J. (Eds.). (2025). <i>Handbook of writing research</i> (3rd ed.). Guilford Press.
Book / report-type book: (Corporate Author)	If a work is created by an organization and no individual author is identified, the organization is treated as the author (corporate author). Corporate authors can include organizations, government departments, institutions, companies, or associations.	
	(UNICEF, 2026, p. 15)	United Nations Children's Fund. (2026). <i>The state of the world's children 2026: Digital futures</i> . UNICEF.

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	(United Nations Development Programme, 2024)	United Nations Development Programme. (2024). <i>Human development report 2023/2024: Breaking the gridlock</i> . UNDP.
Book: (Translated Book)	(Gaarder, 1994)	Gaarder, J. (1994). <i>Sophie's world: A novel about the history of philosophy</i> (P. Møller, Trans.). Phoenix House. (Original work published 1991).
E-Book	(Ruppo, 2025, p. 25)	Author Year <i>Book Title</i> (italicised) DOI or URL
		Ruppo, I. (2025). <i>A guide to academic writing: How to tame your essay</i> . Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032650135
Chapter in a Book	Lastname, A. (year). Title of the chapter in sentence case. In B. Lastname, C. Lastname, & D. Lastname (Eds.), <i>Title of the book in sentence case</i> (Volume, pp. firstpage-lastpage). Publisher. doi	
	(Hayborn, 2008, p. 19)	Author Year Title of Chapter Editor(s) <i>Title of Book</i> (italicised) Pages Publisher
		Haybron, D. M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R. J. Larsen (Eds.), <i>The science of subjective well-beingm</i> (pp. 17–43). Guilford Press.

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	(Blas, 2014, p. 315)	Author Year Title of Article <i>Title of Journal</i> (italicised) <i>Volume</i> (italicised) (number) Pages DOI or URL
		Blas, N. (2014). Embedded librarianship: What every academic librarian should know. <i>Technical Services Quarterly</i> , 31(3), 315–316. https://doi.org/10.1080/07317131.2014.908658
Journal Article: two authors	(Jusslin & Hilli, 2024, p. 721)	Author Year, Month, Day Title of Article <i>Title of Newspaper</i> (italicised) Pages Jusslin, S., & Hilli, C. (2024). Supporting bachelor's and master's students' thesis writing: a rhizoanalysis of academic writing workshops in hybrid learning spaces. <i>Studies in Higher Education (Dorchester-on-Thames)</i> , 49(4), 712–729. https://doi.org/10.1080/03075079.2023.2250809
Journal Article: three to twenty authors	In reference list citations, include all authors (up to 20), formatting each as last name and initials. Separate names with commas and use an ampersand (&) before the last author.	
	(Gillen et al., 2020)	Gillen, C. M., Kerkhoff, A. J., Lynn, D. H., McFarlane, H. G., Niemiec, A. J., Petersen, S. C., & Reach, A. D. (2020). Does creative writing improve scientific writing and learning? <i>The FASEB Journal</i> , 34(S1), 1–1. https://doi.org/10.1096/fasebj.2020.34.s1.05351

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	(Galison et al., 2023)	Galison, P., Doboszewski, J., Elder, J., Martens, N. C. M., Ashtekar, A., Enander, J., Goguen, M., Kessler, E. A., Lalli, R., Lesourd, M., Marcoci, A., Murgueitio Ramírez, S., Natarajan, P., Nguyen, J., Reyes Galindo, L., Ritson, S., Schneider, M. D., Skulberg, E., Sorgner, H., . . . Wüthrich, A. (2023). The next generation Event Horizon Telescope collaboration: History, philosophy, and culture. <i>Galaxies</i> , 11, 32. https://doi.org/10.3390/galaxies11010032I
Magazine Article: Print	(Lyons, 2009, p. 27)	Lyons, D. (2009, June 15). Don't 'iTune' us: It's geeks versus writers. Guess who's winning. <i>Newsweek</i> , 153(24), 27.
Magazine Article: Online	(Schaefer & Shapiro, 2019, p. 981)	Schaefer, N. K., & Shapiro, B. (2019, September 6). New middle chapter in the story of human evolution. <i>Science</i> , 365(6457), 981–982. https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aay3550

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Newspaper Article: Online	(Davids, 2026)	Author Year, Month, Day Title of Article <i>Title of Newspaper</i> (italicised) http://www Davids, N. (2026, March 23). Graduand's PhD brings hope and healing. <i>UCT News</i>. https://www.news.uct.ac.za/article/-2026-03-23-graduands-phd-brings-hope-and-healing
Podcast Episode	(Prime, 2019)	Prime, K. (Host). (2019, March 29). For whom the cowbell tolls [Audio podcast episode]. In <i>Radiolab</i>. WNYC Studios. https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/whom-cowbell-tolls
Youtube	(voynich_manuscript, 2026)	Voynich_manuscript. (2026, April 15). <i>Voynich manuscript decipherment part 1 2026</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/shorts/JgxxgZticxoY
Entry in an Online Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia with a Group Author	If an online dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia is regularly updated and does not provide a publication date, use “n.d.” instead. In such cases, also include the retrieval date in the citation.	
	(Merriam-Webster, n.d.)	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Braggadocio. In <i>Merriam-Webster.com dictionary</i>. Retrieved January 7, 2025, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/baggadocio

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Websites	(Smith, 2024)	Author Year <i>Page Title</i> (italicised) Website Name http://www Smith, J. (2024). <i>Artemis program overview</i>. NASA. https://www.nasa.gov/artemis/
Dissertations and Theses	(Garcia, 2023, p. 83)	Author Year <i>Title of Doctoral Dissertation or Masters 's Thesis</i> (italicised) Document Type http://www Garcia, M. L. (2023). <i>Digital transformation in public library services</i> (Doctoral dissertation). University of Barcelona. https://diposit.ub.edu/dspace/
Conference Papers: Unpublished <i>Published conference papers are described in the same way as book chapters or sections.</i>	(Fortino et al., 2026)	Author Year, Month, Day <i>Title of Paper</i> (italicised) Conference Name Location Fortino, G., & Xue, B. (2026, May). <i>Advances in trustworthy artificial intelligence for industrial applications</i>. Paper presented at the IEEE Conference on Artificial Intelligence (CAI 2026), Granada, Spain.
Legal Documents	(Decision No. 1194/2011/EU, 2011)	<i>Title of the Legal Document</i> (italicised) Year Website Name http://www <i>Decision No 1194/2011/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2011 establishing a European Union action for the European Heritage Label</i>. (2011). EUR-Lex. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32011D1194&qid=1663934792552
Secondary Sources: <i>If the original source cannot be accessed, use an indirect citation (secondary source).</i>	The in-text citation should include both authors: the author of the original source and the author of the secondary source. Only the secondary source should be included in the reference list.	
	(Dewey, 1938, as cited in Biesta, 2022, p. 71)	Biesta, G. J. J. (2022). <i>World-centred education: A view for the present</i> . Routledge.

Reference List Organization Guidelines:

- ❖ Every source cited within the text must be included in the reference list, and all items in the reference list must be cited in the text.

- ❖ References should be arranged in **alphabetical order based on the surname of the first author**.
For example:
Allison, T. (2025).
Davis, R. (2025).
Martinez, L., Nguyen, P., & Patel, S. (Eds.). (2025).
Walker, J. K. (2025).

- ❖ If authors share the same surname, entries should be ordered according to the **initials of their first names**. For example:
Taylor, A. (2025).
Taylor, B. (2025).

- ❖ When multiple works by the **same author** are listed, they should be arranged in **chronological order**, starting with the earliest publication. For example:
Rivera, M. (n.d.).
Rivera, M. (2025a).
Rivera, M. (2025b).
Rivera, M. (in press).

- ❖ If an author has **multiple publications in the same year**, these works should be organized alphabetically by their titles. Letter suffixes (a, b, c, etc.) should then be added to the year. For example:
Green, D. L. (2025a). Analysis...
Green, D. L. (2025b). Development...

- ❖ When entries begin with the same author, **single-author works should be listed before works with multiple authors**. For example:
Clark, Y. (2025).
Clark, Y., & Lopez, M. (2025).

- ❖ In the reference list, the names of organizations serving as authors must be written **in full**, without abbreviations or acronyms. Additionally, a **full stop must always appear at the end of the organization's name**.
Example:
European Association for International Education. (2025).

Abbreviations in APA 7 Style

- ❖ The use of abbreviations in APA 7 must follow specific rules depending on their function and position within a reference.

General Principles:

- ❖ Abbreviations should be used **sparingly and consistently**.
- ❖ Always follow **standard APA 7 formatting conventions** for placement and punctuation.
- ❖ Where APA 7 style requires full wording, **do not abbreviate**.

Example:

- ❖ **Chapter.** The word *Chapter* should **not be abbreviated**. Use **sentence case** when cited in-text: (Allison & Davids, 2025, Chapter 11)
Important! In most academic books, you should use page numbers instead of chapter numbers. Chapter number is used only when page numbers are unavailable (e.g., some e-books).

Abbreviations:

Ed. / Eds. (Editor / Editors)

- ❖ Used for editors and placed **in parentheses after the name(s)**.

Example:

Henderson, T. R. (Ed.). (2025). *Digital communication practices*. Columbia University Press.

ed. (Edition)

- ❖ Indicates the edition of a book.
- ❖ Placed **in parentheses after the title**, often with additional information such as page range.

Example:

Christus, S. (2025). Social structures and roles. In J. Adams & R. Lee (Eds.),
Perspectives in cultural anthropology (11th ed., pp. 261–289). Academic Press.

n.d. (no date)

- ❖ Used when no publication date is available. Replaces the year in the reference.

Example:

Walker, J. D. (n.d.). *Careers in forensic science*. Tower Publishing.

No. (Number)

- ❖ Used for reports, issue numbers, or series.
- ❖ Placed in **parentheses after the title**.

Example:

Christus, R. (2025). Exploring the impact of artificial intelligence on students' skills for sustainable development in education (Research Report No. 3). In *Frontiers in Education*. Springer.

p. / pp. (page / pages)

- Used to indicate page numbers. Always provide the **full-page range**.
- In references: included **within parentheses after titles**.
- In-text citations: placed **after the year**, separated by a comma.

Example (reference):

(pp. 82–170)

Example (in-text):

(Christus, 2025, pp. 88–333)

para. (paragraph)

- Used instead of page numbers when they are unavailable (e.g., online texts).
- Follows the same format as page numbers.

Example:

(Allison & Davids, 2025, para. 4)

Suffixes (Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.)

- For authors: placed **after initials**, separated by commas.
- For editors: placed **at the end of the name**.
- These suffixes are **included only in the reference list**, not in in-text citations.

Example:

Anderson, P., Jr., & Anderson, R. T., III. (2025). Historical narratives. *Journal of Cultural Research*, 1, 1–111.

doi (Digital Object Identifier)

- ❖ Included at the end of the reference.
- Must always follow the format: **https://doi.org/**
- ❖ **Example (real source):**
- ❖ Brandão, P. R. (2025). The impact of artificial intelligence on modern society. *AI*, 6(8), 190. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ai6080190>