



ESCC's MLA Citation Guide

Introduction

Most ESCC instructors require MLA style for papers. Use this guide to help with Works Cited pages (at the end of your paper) and in-text or parenthetical notes (in the body of your paper). Ask the LRC staff for help or for a copy of the [Harbrace Handbook](#) or [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#) to see additional citation examples.

Ten Helpful Hints for Works Cited Page

1. Many databases now include "How to Cite" links for retrieved articles. Be sure to look for them.
2. Double space all lines used in citations. Indent the second and all other lines by five spaces.
3. Abbreviate all months but May, June, July.
4. If no author or editor is provided for a source, start citation with the title.
5. Alphabetize items by author's or editor's last name (or use title of each item where there is no author or editor).
6. Underline titles of books, journals, magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, videos and Web sites.
7. Use quotation marks for article titles from books, journals, newspapers, magazines, and Web sites.
8. Use periods or other punctuation inside quotation marks.
9. If pages continue elsewhere in an article, include first page number with a plus sign (25+).
10. For Web sites, include date the page was created or last updated. Also include the date you retrieved it.

Ten Helpful Hints for In-text Citations

1. Send your reader to sources on Works Cited page.
2. Use author's name and page number to provide specific page or section of source.
3. If you include author's name in body, just add page number in parentheses at end of sentence.
4. As a general rule, place in-text citation before the final punctuation mark in a sentence.
5. If you refer to a range of pages, use a hyphen with no additional spaces in your parentheses.
6. No page number is necessary if you refer to entire work.
7. When there is more than one work by an author, use title instead of author, or use author with shortened title.
8. Combine two author names with "and," three authors with commas "and."
9. For more than three authors, use first author "et al."
10. With Web sites that do not have page or screen numbers, cite title of source within the introductory sentence.

CITATION EXAMPLES FOR PRINTED SOURCES

Book by One Author

Bibliography:

Kelso, William M. Jamestown, the Buried Truth. Charlottesville: U of Virginia P, 2006.

In-text: (Kelso 282)

Book by Two to Three Authors

Bibliography:

Singer, Dorothy G., and Jerome L. Singer. Imagination and Play in the Electronic Age. Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2005.

In-text: (Singer and Singer 107)

Book by More than Three Authors

Bibliography:

Pomeroy, Sarah B., et al. Ancient Greece. New York: Oxford UP, 1999.

In-text: (Pomeroy et al. 78)

Book by an Anonymous Author

Bibliography:

The Holy Bible: New Standard Version. Nashville: T. Nelson, 1989.

In-text: ("Holy" 12)

Book with an Editor

Bibliography:

Haugen, David M., ed. Is Media Violence a Problem? Detroit: Greenhaven Press/Thomson Gale, 2007.

In-text: (Haugen 111)

Encyclopedia Article

Bibliography:

Atkins, Jacqueline M. "Amish Quilts and Folk Art." Encyclopedia of American Folk Art. Ed. Gerard C. Wertkin. New York: Routledge, 2004.

In-text: (Atkins 19)

Journal Article

Bibliography:

Astle, Sonia, and Dwayne Smith. "Taking Your Patient Off a Ventilator." RN 70.5 (2007): 34-39.

In-text: (Astle and Smith 37)

Magazine Article

Bibliography:

Bertolucci, Jeff. "Broadband Expands." PC World Aug. 2007: 77-88.

In-text: (Bertolucci 82)

Newspaper Article

Bibliography:

Batson, Andrew, and Lauren Etter. "Safety Becomes a Hot Trade Issue." The Wall Street Journal 16 July 2007, A14.

In-text: (Batson and Etter A14)

Review Reprinted in a Reference Work

Bibliography:

MacPike, Lorelee. "Environment as Psychopathological Symbolism in 'The Yellow Wallpaper.'" American Literary Realism 1870-1910. 8.3 (Summer 1975): 286-88. Rpt. in Short Story Criticism. Ed. David Segal. Vol. 13. Detroit: Gale, 1993. 123-24.

In-text: (MacPike 123)

Work in an Anthology

Bibliography:

Hughes, Langston. "The Blues I'm Playing." Classic Fiction of the Harlem Renaissance. Ed. William Andrews. New York: Oxford UP, 1994. 367-79.

In-text: (Hughes 370)

Work in a Reference Book

Bibliography:

Frumkin, R.M. "Racial and Ethnic Demographic Trends." Immigration in U.S. History. Ed. Carl L. Bankston III and Danielle Antionette Hidalgo. Vol. 2. Pasadena: Salem P, 2006. 606-12.

In-text: (Frumkin 608)

Work of Art

Bibliography:

Munch, Edvard. The Scream. 1893. Nasjonalgalleriet, Oslo, Norway. History of Art. 6th ed. By H.W. Janson and Anthony F. Janson. New York: Abrams, 2001. 752.

In-text: (Munch)

Additional Information about "Print" Citations:

FAQ for MLA Style (http://www.mla.org/style/style_faq)

CITATION EXAMPLES FOR ELECTRONIC SOURCES

Electronic Book

Bibliography:

Lehr, Peter, ed. Violence at Sea. New York: Routledge, 2007. Eastern Shore Community College LRC. 15 July 2007. <<http://www.netLibrary.com/>>.

In-text: (Lehr 14)

Encyclopedia Online

Bibliography:

"Science fiction." Encyclopædia Britannica Online. 2007. Eastern Shore Community College LRC, Melfa, VA. 17 July 2007 <<http://search.eb.com/eb/article-235720>>.

In-text: ("Science")

Journal Article from a Library Database

Bibliography:

Mann, Roger, and David A. Evans. "Site Selection for Oyster Habitat Rehabilitation in the Virginia Portion of the Chesapeake Bay: A Commentary." Journal of Shellfisheries Research 23.1 (April 2004): 41(9). Academic OneFile. Gale. Eastern Shore Community College LRC, Melfa, VA. 8 July 2007 <<http://find.galegroup.com/>>.

In-text: (Mann)

Magazine Article from a Library Database

Bibliography:

"Long Term Care, Age Old Problem." Money Management 1 July 2007. Health Reference Center Academic. Gale. Eastern Shore Community College LRC, Melfa, VA. 12 July 2007 <<http://find.galegroup.com/>>.

In-text: ("Long")

Newspaper Article from a Library Database

Bibliography:

Mathews, Jay. "Day of Violence Mars Years of Image Building." The Washington Post 17 April 2007: A10. Factiva. Eastern Shore Community College LRC, Melfa, VA. 17 June 2007 <<http://global.factiva.com/>>.

In-text: (Mathews)

Newspaper Article Online

Bibliography:

Winegrad, Gerald W. "What It Will Take to Restore the Bay." Opinion. Baltimore Sun on the Web 15 July 2007. 1 July 2007 <<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bal-op.bay15jul15,0,185270.story?coll=bal-home-outerrail&track=mostemailedlink>>.

In-text: (Winegrad)

Web Site Article with Author

Bibliography:

Zelman, Kathleen M. "15 Best Diet Tips Ever: Experts Share Their Top Tips for Weight Loss Success." WebMD. 26 April 2007. 18 July 2007 <<http://www.webmd.com/diet/features/15-best-diet-tips-ever>>.

In-text: (Zelman)

Web Site Article with No Identified Author

Bibliography:

"Avian Influenza: Current Situation." CDC. 15 June 2007. 19 July 2007 <<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/outbreaks/current.htm>>.

In-text: ("Avian")

Additional Information about "Internet" Citations:

FAQ for MLA Style (http://www.mla.org/style/style_faq/style_faq4)

CITATION EXAMPLES FOR OTHER NON-PRINT SOURCES

Interview

Bibliography:

Thompson-Stacy, Cheryl. Personal interview. 18 July 2007.

In-text: (Thompson-Stacy)

Television Program

Bibliography:

"My Night to Remember." Scrubs. Prod. Bill Lawrence. Touchstone Television. NBC. WNBC, New York. 12 July 2007.

In-text: ("My")

Video or DVD

Bibliography:

Bioterror: The Invisible Enemy. Prods. Kathy Abbott, Keith McKay, Saya Oka, Sue Simpson, and Betsy Wagner. DVD. Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2004.

In-text: ("Bioterror")

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