

## Council of Science Editors (CSE) Citation Style (Citation-Sequence)

### General Overview

- This handout deals specifically with the **citation-sequence** type of CSE style. To learn more about the citation-name and name-year types, see <https://writing.wisc.edu/handbook/documentation/doccse/>
- CSE style is most often used in biology courses, but can also be used in other science courses.
- When using CSE style, sources should be paraphrased and then cited. Direct quotations from a source are almost never appropriate.

### In-Text References

- Use superscript numbers in the text to indicate references. The first reference will be indicated by the number 1, the second citation by 2, and so on.
- Numbers should be used directly following the paraphrased material.
- The numbers in the text correspond to the order in which the end references are numbered and listed.
- If a source is used more than once, it should be referred to by the same number as before.
- If two or more sources are used in the same place, the numbers should be written in superscript with commas in between.

### References Page

- Start your references on a new page. It should be the last page of your paper.
- Center the title, References, at the top of the page.
- Only list the works cited in the paper; other works you have read can be included on a separate list titled Additional References.
- Each reference should be numbered and listed in the order in which it was first referenced in the paper.
- References should be single-spaced with a line space between each.
- Align the entire reference to the left margin; do not use a hanging indent.
- Include author's last names and initials only.
- List all names for up to 10 authors. If there are more than 10 authors, write the first 10 authors and then the phrase et al.
- Capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle, as well as proper nouns.
- Use abbreviations for journal titles, specifically the ISO abbreviations used in PubMed.

### Citation Formats for References Page

| Source   | Format   | Example   |
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| Book by a single author  | Last name First initial. Title. Edition (if needed). City: Publisher, year.  | Cooper C. Organic Chemist's Desk Reference. 2nd ed. Boca Raton: Taylor & Francis, 2011.   |
| Chapter in a book with editor(s)   | Last name First initial. Chapter title. In: Book editor(s), editor(s). Book title. Edition (if needed). City: Publisher, year. Pages.              | Ozinga S, Mowat H. Strategies to Prevent Illegal Logging. In: Wijen F, Zoeteman K, Pieters J, van Seters, P, editor. A Handbook of Globalization and Environmental Policy, 2nd ed. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2012. p. 439-466.  |
| Image (online)*<br><br>*Treat the artist or creator of the image as the author | Last name First initial (if applicable). Title [image]. Place of publication: publisher; date of publication [date accessed]. Available from: URL. | Richter F. Americans Owe \$1.75 Trillion in Student Debt [image]. Hamburg: Statista, April 6, 2022 [accessed April 18, 2022]. Available from: <a href="https://www.statista.com/chart/24477/outstanding-value-of-us-student-loans/">https://www.statista.com/chart/24477/outstanding-value-of-us-student-loans/</a> .   |
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| Article from an online database  | Last name First initial. Article title. Abbreviated name of journal (edition). Date; volume (issue); pages. URL. DOI.                              | Zanchetti D, Bruni S, Raicich F, et al. Sea-level rise in Venice: historic and future trends (review article). Natural Hazards & Earth System Sciences. August 2021; 21(8):2643-2678.   |
| Article in a newspaper (online)  | Last name First initial. Article title. Newspaper title. Date of publication [date accessed]. Available from: URL.                                 | Zimmer C. DNA deciphers roots of modern Europeans. The New York Times. June 10, 2015 [accessed Oct 13, 2015]. Available from: <a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/16/science/dna-deciphers-roots-of-modern-europeans.html?ref=science&amp;_r=0">http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/16/science/dna-deciphers-roots-of-modern-europeans.html?ref=science&amp;_r=0</a> |

Sample CSE In-Text References from Bedford/St. Martin's

**INTRODUCTION**

Drowning and near-drowning incidents are leading causes of mortality and morbidity in both children <sup>1</sup> and adults <sup>2</sup>. Over the past 30 years, there has been considerable interest in cold-water immersion incidents, particularly the reasons for the survival of some victims under seemingly fatal conditions. Research suggests that both hypothermia and a “mammalian diving reflex” (MDR) may account for survival in many near-drowning episodes <sup>3</sup>. However, the extent to which these two processes interact is not

Statistics are cited with endnotes; citations are numbered in the order in which they appear in the text (citation-sequence system).

Sample References Page from Montgomery College WRL Center\*

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