

MLA Citation Style Guide

When Do You Need to Cite?

When you **quote**, **paraphrase**, or **summarize** another source in your...

- Research papers
- Speeches
- Conversations
- Presentations
- Statistics/Data
- Social media posts

Why?

Citations build credibility and protect you against plagiarism accusations. It shows you are meeting academic standards and participating in the larger scholarly conversation.

Four components of a works cited list citation: **author**, **title**, **source**, **date**

Book:

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. City of Publication, Publisher, Publication Date.

Iarovici, Doris. *Coping on College Campus: Mental Health and the University Student*. Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2024.

In-Text Citations:

Must be included in the body of your work when referencing a source and must correspond with a works cited list citation

Format - (**Author Page**)

Example - (**Iarovici 26**)

Journal Article:

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title*, Volume, Issue, Year, pages, URL/DOI.

Tendhar, Thupton, et al. "Relationship of Compassion for Self and Others to Sense of Well-Being of College Students." *Journal of American College Health*, vol. 72, no. 4, 2024, pp. 1246-1254, <https://doi-org.libaccess.fdu.edu/10.1080/07448481.2022.2074276>.

Webpage:

Last Name, First Name. "Title of Page." *Website Name*, Day Month Year, URL. Date of Access (if applicable).

Flannery, Mary Ellen. "The Mental Health Crisis on College Campuses." *NEA Today*, 29 Mar. 2023, www.nea.org/nea-today/all-news-articles/mental-health-crisis-college-campuses.

Generative AI Tool:

"Describe what was generated by the AI tool/prompt used." prompt. *AI Platform*, version, Company, Date of your prompt, URL.

"Explain the environmental harms of using AI in simple terms." prompt. *ChatGPT*, 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 9 Mar. 2025, chat.openai.com/chat.



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CITATION SUPPORT GUIDE

Formatting Checklist:

- ☐ My paper is double spaced
- ☐ My font is in Times New Roman and 12pt. font
- ☐ My last name and page number are in the right header
- ☐ My works cited list citations have a hanging indent
- ☐ My works cited page is listed in alphabetical order
- ☐ My in-text citations match up with a works cited list citation
- ☐ I have included an in-text citation each time I quote, summarize, or paraphrase another person's work in my paper

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Works Cited

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Eisman, April. "The Media of Manipulation: Patriotism and Propaganda: Mainstream

News in the United States in the Weeks Following September 11." *Critical Quarterly*,
vol. 45, nos.1–2, 2003, pp. 55–72. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8705.00472>.

Frago, Marta, et al. "The Narrative Reconstruction of 9/11 in Hollywood Films:

Independent Voice or Official Interpretation?" *Javnost - The Public*, vol. 17, no. 3, 2010,
javnostthepublic.org/article/2010/3/4/.

Here Is New York: Remembering 9/11. 2001–2002. The New York Historical

Society. New York, NY.

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