

Chicago Manual Citation How-To Video

You probably know that citing your work properly is important in order to show your prof you have academic integrity, and to allow them to find your references again. But do you know how to cite?

In this video you will learn the basics of citing a journal article in Chicago Manual style. Note that Chicago Manual encompasses two different styles, but we will focus on the author-date style.

I'll use the article "The effects of clown intervention on worries and emotional responses in children undergoing surgery" as my example.

You need to cite the article in two places in your paper.

In Chicago Manual, the in-text citation sits within your paper at the end of the sentence, and usually gives the author's last name, the date, and the page number for the information you're referencing.

In this case, I'll write "Costa Fernandes and Arriaga 2010, comma 410" in brackets.

The in-text citation is a shorter reference that directs the reader to the full reference at the end of your paper.

This section at the end of your paper might be called a bibliography, works cited, or reference list, and it does just that; it lists all the references you used in your paper.

The reference list is alphabetized, and the second line and any subsequent line in each citation is indented.

Chicago Manual references start with the author's name.

Within the citation, be sure to list the author names as they appear and not in alphabetical order.

Note that some databases don't show the author's full name, but that you can usually click on the name in order to see more details

So I would write Costa Fernandes, Sara, and Patricia Arriaga.

Next, write the year of publication followed by a period.

Only give the year, not the days and months of publication.

The article title is written in plain text; it is not italicized, underlined, or bolded.

The first word of the article title is capitalized, as well as any proper nouns, otherwise all words are written in lowercase.

However, the journal title is italicized and capitalized.

The journal title is followed by the volume number and issue number, which are written in plain text.

The issue number is also encased in brackets and followed by a colon.

Now you'll include the page range for the article you're citing.

In this case, 405-15.

Lastly, you'll include the DOI number for the journal article.

DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. It is the most stable internet address for the article and you can usually find it below the article's abstract.

Chicago Manual Style now uses DOIs instead of URLs in their citations because DOIs do not change from database to database, so it is a more reliable way to find the article again.

When creating your citations, be sure to pay close attention to the punctuation and style used to format each citation.

For more information on how to cite journal articles, or other resources, start from the library homepage at lib.uwaterloo.ca and click on the online reference shelf link, which is 6th from the top in the right-hand menu.

Now click on the Citation/Style Guide link to find a list of resources to help you with Chicago Manual citations.

If you need help with this process, you can also ask a librarian. We're happy to help!