CSE Style

The Council of Science Editors (CSE) publishes a style guide, *Scientific Style and Format*, which defines common citation formats used by biologists, earth scientists, geneticists and other scientists. The guide provides formatting rules that allow for consistency between references and their in-text citations.

The official style guide for CSE:

2. **Online Manual**: [http://www.sciencestyleandformat.org/Tools/SSF-Citation-Quick-Guide.htm](http://www.sciencestyleandformat.org/Tools/SSF-Citation-Quick-Guide.htm)

This handout describes the “Name-Year”* (or “Harvard”) system as outlined in the 8th edition. CSE references require two components:

1) For in-text citations, the Name-Year system includes the author or authors and the year the document was published, e.g. (Jones 2008), or Jones and Watts (2008), or Jones et al. (2008).
2) For the reference list, cited sources are arranged alphabetically by the first author’s last name.

* The CSE uses three systems for referencing: 1) citation-sequence, 2) name-year, and 3) citation-name. Here we will describe the Name-Year.

**In-text Citations**

Place the last names of the author(s) followed by the year of publication, all enclosed in parentheses (before the period).

*Example:*
The binary polymer mixture model is an appealing candidate for studying the wetting phenomenon (Steiner 1992).

**Reference List**

Things to keep in mind:

1. **Arrangement**
Your reference list should start on a new page. Your references should be arranged according to alphabetical order.

2. **Hanging Indent**
Academic referencing styles typically use a hanging indent in their references section. Except for the first line, all other lines of reference must be indented at 0.5”. (Tutorials on how to make hanging indents can be located online.)
### Journal Articles (Periodicals)

**General Format (Print):**

**General Format (Organization as Author):**

**General Format (Online):**
Author(s). Date of publication. Article title. Journal title. [date updated; date accessed]; Volume(issue):pagination. URL.

Note: A DOI may also be included following the URL, if available. See example below.

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### Journal Titles

Journal titles are abbreviated according to the International Organization for Standardization 4 (ISO 4). For example, Forest Ecology and Management Journal ➔ Forest Ecol Manage. If the journal consists of one word, there is no need to abbreviate it (e.g. Science).

To abbreviate your sources correctly:
- [http://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp](http://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp)
- Ask a UNBC librarian
Books

General Format (Print, without Editors):
Author(s). Date of publication. Title. Edition. Place of publication (state/province abbreviated): Publisher. Pagination.

General Format (Print, with Editors or Secondary Authors):
Author(s). Date of publication. Title or excerpt. Editors/Secondary Authors. Title of book. Place of Publication (state/province abbreviated): Publisher. Pagination.

General Format (Online Books or eBooks):
Author(s). Date of publication. Title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; [date updated; date accessed]. Webpage.

General Format (with Organization as Author):
[Abbreviation of Organization] Organization Name. Date of publication. Title. Place of publication: Publisher. Pagination.

General Format (Unnamed or Anonymous Author):
Title. Edition. Date of publication. Place of publication: Publisher. Pagination.

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*Pagination: not required for entire book; only included if you are citing parts of a book, chapter, tables, charts, etc.

** “c” represents the year of copyright for the work
### Websites

**General format:**
Title of homepage. Date of publication. Edition. Place of publication: publisher; [date updated; date cited]. URL.

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### School Materials

**General format (Lab Manuals):**
Author(s). Date of publication. Title. In: Title of document. University Institution. Location. Publisher. Pagination.

**General format (Lecture Notes):**
Author(s), lecturer. Date. Title of lecture [content designation]. Location of lecture: University Institution.

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Rules of CSE

General

- List authors’ last names followed by initials for first and middle names. Do not use periods, commas, or spaces between the initial and last name.
  - In-text: (Mahoney JM, Rood SB)

In-text

- For in-text citations: If the work has 3 or more authors, list the first author followed by “et al.” In the reference list, all authors must be named.
  - In text: (Steiner et al. 1992)

- Taxonomic names: Write the Latin names/scientific names of the organisms in italics.
  - Alces alces, Rangifer tarandus, etc.

- Taxonomic grouping: When discussing the Family, Order, Class, etc., capitalize the first letter but do not italicize.
  - E.g. Carnivor, Diptera, Nematoda, Excavata, Archaea, Bryophyta.

Reference List

- List cited sources alphabetically by author’s surname.
- When there is more than one work by an author, organize those works chronologically.
- Only the first letter of a book/journal article should be capitalized.
- Journal article titles should not be italicized.
- If the work has 10 or more authors, list the first 10 authors followed by et al.