

MLA Citation Style

The Modern Language Association (MLA) establishes values for acknowledging sources used in a research paper. MLA citation style uses a simple two-part parenthetical documentation system for citing sources: Citations in the text of a paper point to the alphabetical Works Cited list that appears at the end of the paper. Together, these references identify and credit the sources used in the paper and allow others to access and retrieve this material.

Citing sources in the text

In MLA style, writers place references to sources in the paper to briefly identify them and enable readers to find them in the Works Cited list. These parenthetical references should be kept as brief and as clear as possible.

- Give only the information needed to identify a source. Usually the author's last name and a page reference suffice.
- Place the parenthetical reference as close as possible to its source. Insert the parenthetical reference where a pause would naturally occur, preferably at the end of a sentence.
- Information in the parenthesis should complement, not repeat, information given in the text. If you include an author's name in a sentence, you do not need to repeat it in your parenthetical statement.
- The parenthetical reference should precede the punctuation mark that concludes the sentence, clause, or phrase that contains the cited material.
- Electronic and online sources are cited just like print resources in parenthetical references. If an online source lacks page numbers, omit numbers from the parenthetical references. If an online source includes fixed page numbers or section numbering, such as numbering of paragraphs, cite the relevant numbers.

Examples:

Author's name in text Oişteanu has expressed this concern (118-21).

Author's name in reference This concern has been expressed (Oişteanu 118-21).

Multiple authors of a work This hypothesis (Maria Bucur și Mihaela Miroiu 7) suggested this theory (Martin, Moraru & Terian 23).

Two locations Ornea alludes to this premise (136-39, 145).

Two works cited (Tănase 54; Simion 327)

Multivolume works

References to volumes and pages (Petraș 2:1-18)

References to an entire volume (Simion, vol. 3)

In text reference to an entire volume În volumul 3, Petraș suggests

Corporate authors (Romania, Cultural Comission 51-63)

Works with no author

When a work has no author, use the work's title or a shortened version of the title when citing it in text. (If abbreviating a title, omit initial articles and begin with the word by which it is alphabetized in the Works Cited list.):

as stated by the cultural commission (*Report* 4).

Online source without numbered pages About geocriticism (Westphal)

Online source with numbered paragraphs (Westphal, pp. 4-5)

For more detailed information about citing references in the text, please refer to the MLA resources listed below.

Works Cited list

References cited in the text of a research paper must appear at the end of the paper in a Works Cited list or bibliography. This list provides the information necessary to identify and retrieve each source that specifically supports your research.

- Arrange entries in alphabetical order by authors' last names (surnames), or by title for sources without authors.
- Capitalize the first word and all other principal words of the titles and subtitles of cited works listed. (Do not capitalize articles, prepositions, coordinating conjunctions, or the "to" in infinitives.)

- Shorten the publisher's name; for example, omit articles, business abbreviations (Co., Inc.), and descriptive words (Press, Publisher).
- When multiple publishers are listed, include all of them, placing a semicolon between each.
- When more than one city is listed *for the same publisher*, use only the first city.
- Use the conjunction "and," not an ampersand [&], when listing multiple authors of a single work.
- **Pagination:** Do not use the abbreviations **p.** or **pp.** to designate page numbers.
- **Indentation:** Align the first line of the entry flush with the left margin, and indent all subsequent lines (5 to 7 spaces) to form a "hanging indent."
- **Italics:** Choose a font in which the italic style contrasts clearly with the regular style.

Examples

Books:

References to an entire book should include the following elements:

- author(s) or editor(s)
- the complete title
- edition, if indicated
- place of publication
- the shortened name of the publisher
- date of publication
- medium of publication

No author or editor:

Istoria filosofiei moderne. 33rd ed. București: Humanitas,
1999. Print.

Editor:

Irina, Petraș, coord. *Istoriile literaturii române*. Cluj-Napoca: Școala Ardeleană, 2020. Print.

One author:

Pandrea, Petre. *Germania hitleristă*. București: Adevărul, 1934. Print.

Another work, same author:

---. *Portrete și controverse*. București: „Bucur Ciobanul” S.A,
1945. Print.

Two authors:

Gligor, Mihaela, și Miriam Caloianu. *Intelectuali evrei și presa
exilului românesc*. Cluj-Napoca: Presa Universitară Clujeană, 2013.
Print.

Three authors:

Martin, Mircea, Christian Moraru, Andrei Terian. *Romanian
Literature as World Literature*. 3rd ed. New York: Bloomsbury,
2018. Print.

More than three authors:

Tănăsescu, Florin, et al. *Ideologie și structuri comuniste*.
București: Institutul Național pentru Studiul
Totalitarismului, 2001. Print.

Corporate author:

Herbert F. Johnson Muzeul de Artă. Un ghid al Muzeului de Artă
Herbert F. Johnson, Universitatea Cornell Ithaca: Cornell U,
1973. Print.

Multivolume work:

Scurtu, Ioan, Corneliu Beldiman și Natalia Tampa. *Ideologie și
formațiuni de dreapta în România*. 4 vol. București: Institutul
Național pentru Studiul Totalitarismului, 2003. Print.

Essay or Chapter in Edited Books or Anthologies: References to an essay or chapter in an edited book or compilation must include the following elements:

- essay or chapter author(s)
- essay or chapter title
- book title
- book editor(s) or compilers
- place of publication
- the shortened name of the publisher
- date of publication
- inclusive page numbers of the cited piece
- medium of publication

Article in a book:

Lesenciuc, Adrian. „Sfârșitul istoriei literare”. *Istoriile literaturii române*. coord. Irina Petraș. Cluj-Napoca: Școala Ardeleană, 2020. 21-25. Print.

Reprinted article:

Hunt, Tim. "Interpretarea greșită a lui Keroac." *Review of Contemporary Fiction* 3.2 (1983): 29-33. Rpt. in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. Ed. Carl Riley. Vol. 61. Detroit: Gale, 1990. 308- 10. Print.

Articles or entries from reference books:

If the article or entry is signed, place the author's name first; if it is unsigned, give the title first. For well-known reference works, it is not necessary to include full publication information. Include only the title of the reference source, edition, and date of publication.

Dictionary entry:

"Ospitalitate." Def. 1a. *Dicționarul explicativ al limbii române*. 2012. Print.

Encyclopedia entry:

Evseev, Ivan. "Religie." *Enciclopedia simbolurilor religioase și arhetipurilor culturale*. Ed. Ivan Evseev. Vol. 1. Timișoara: Învierea, 2007. Print.

Article from a less familiar reference book:

For articles from less familiar reference sources, include the full publication information.

Serafim, Costel. "Personaje evreiești în dramaturgia românească. Bătălia pentru „Manasse” " *Lumea evreiască în literatură română*. coord. Camelia Crăciun. 1st ed. Iași: Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Iași, 2014. Print.

Article in Journals, Magazines, and Newspapers:

References to periodical articles must include the following elements:

- author(s)
- article title
- publication title (journal, magazine, etc.)
- volume number
- publication date (abbreviate months, if used)
- the inclusive page numbers
- medium of publication

Issue numbers should be stated as decimals to a given volume number. In the example below, the number 25.4 reads as Volume 25, issue 4. When citing newspapers, it is important to specify the edition used (e.g. late ed.) because different editions of a newspaper may contain different material.

Journal article, one author:

Cernat, Paul. "Între somațiile Istoriei și utopia Vacanței."
Observator cultural 136. 10 (2007). Print.

Journal article, two authors:

Ungureanu, Delia, and Thomas Pavel. "Literatură românească în lumea de azi " *Journal of World Literature* (2018):8. Print.

Magazine article:

Dumitru, Teodora "De la anticommunism de principiu la anticapitalism pragmatic: presa literară românească între 1990-1993." *Transilvania* 2019: 1-7. Print.

Newspaper article, no author:

"Ziua Africii celebrată în Havana." *Granma International* 31 mai
2009, română ed.: 16. Print.

Newspaper article, one author, discontinuous pages:

Moraru, Christian. "Autocolonizarea." *Observator cultural* 7 iun.
2019: B1+. Print.

Audio Visual

Film or video recording:

Annie Hall. regizor Woody Allen. 1977. Casetă video. MGM/UA Home Video,
1991.

Sound recording:

Numărând corbi. August și totul după. DGC, 1993. CD.

Sound recording, specific song:

Numărând corbi. "Dl. Jones." *August și totul după*. DGC, 1993.
CD.

CD-ROM

Citations should include the medium of the electronic publication (CD-ROM), the name of the vendor that made the material available on CD-ROM, and publications dates for the version used, if relevant.

"Căsătorie." *Enciclopedia iudaică*. CD-ROM. vers. 1.0. Ierusalim:
Judaica Multimedia, 1997.

Citing Materials from Online Sources

Online Sources:

Citations for online sources, like those for print sources, should provide information that both identifies a source and allows that source to be located and retrieved again. All citations should include the medium of publication (Web) and the date the content was accessed. If the source is difficult to locate or your instructor requires a URL, list the complete address within angle brackets after the date. In many cases, it is also necessary to identify the Web site or database that has made the material available online.

Because there are currently few standards that govern the organization and presentation of online

publications, the information that is available to fulfill these objectives can vary widely from resource to resource. In general, references to online works require more information than references to print sources.

See sections 5.6.1-4 in the **MLA Handbook** for more complete information on creating citations for online sources.

Web page:

This example includes the optional URL. All other examples below use the shorter citation format.

Biblioteca Universității Cornell. „Introducere în cercetare”
Biblioteca Universității Cornell. Universitatea Cornell, 2009.
Web. 19 iunie 200
<<http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/intro>>.

Personal Web site:

If a work is untitled, you may use a genre label such as Home page, Introduction, etc.

Rule, Greg. Personal webpage. Web. 16 nov. 2008.

Entry in an online encyclopedia:

"Einstein, Albert." Enciclopedia Britanică Online. Enciclopedia
Britanică, 1999. Web. 27 apr. 2009.

Article from a less familiar online reference book:

Nielsen, Jorgen S. „Cultura europeană și islamul”. Enciclopedia
Islamului și a Lumii Musulmane. coord. Richard C. Martin. New
York: Macmillan Reference-Thomson / Gale, 2004. Web. 4 iulie
2009.

Article in an online periodical:

If pagination is unavailable or is not continuous, use n. pag. in place of the page numbers.

Chaplin, Heather. "Epidemia de extravaganță." *Salon* 19 feb. 1999: n.
pag. Web. 12 iulie 1999.

Article in a full-text journal accessed from a database:

Vargas, Jose Antonio. "Chipul Facebook-ului." *New Yorker* 86.28
(2010): 54-63. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 25 ian. 2011.

Online book with print information:

Solomovici, Teșu. *România masonică*. București: Teșu, 2005. *Google Books*.

Web. 30 iunie 2009.

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The examples of MLA style and format listed on this page include many of the most common types of sources used in academic research. For additional examples and more detailed information about MLA citation style, refer to the following resources:

***MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009. Print.**

This book is designed for high school and undergraduate students. You can find it at the following locations:

Olin Library Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

ILR Library Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

***MLA STYLE Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. 3rd ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2008. Print.**

This book is designed for graduate students and professional writers. You can find this publication at the following locations:

Olin Library Reference PN147 .G444 2008

Uris Library Reference PN147 .G444 2008

Law Library Reserve PN147 .G444x 2008

Music Library Reference PN147 .G444 2008

["Frequently Asked Questions about the *MLA Style Manual*."](#) *Modern Language Association*. Modern Language Association, 2008. Web. 30 June 2009.