Council of Science Editors (CSE) Style Guide: Citation-Sequence System



- **Citation-Sequence System**. In-text citations are marked with ascending superscript numerals in the order they are cited (beginning with 1).
 - Example: The issue is most commonly found with this type of plant.¹
- Under the References Cited section at the end of the publication, each reference will be numbered, matching the ascending order of the citation number assigned in the text.
- If the same reference is used multiple times, the same number that was initially assigned is used.
- References Consulted and Additional Resources sections may be added. These lists are not numbered.
- Examples of some common reference types in CSE style are provided below.

Resources for Reference Formatting

- Citation Machine: http://www.citationmachine.net/council-of-science-editors: Provides automated formatting service.
- Google Scholar (for journal articles, books, and some government/agency reports): Provides citation formats. Select "icon under the listing, and use the Vancouver style choice as it is the same as CSE.
- Clemson Libraries online CSE Style Guide: You must be logged into the Clemson network (via eduroam or the Cisco VPN client) to access https://www.scientificstyleandformat.org/Welcome.html.

JOURNAL ARTICLE

Author Last Name (no punctuation) First Name Initial(s). Article title (sentence case). Journal Name (title case). Publication year Month-1st-three-letters [accessed year first-3-letters-of-month date if found online]; Volume(Issue): page numbers. URL or DOI if found online (either https:// or doi:).

BOOK, BOOK CHAPTER

Author Last Name (no punctuation) First Name Initial(s). Book title (sentence case). # ed. (if available – use #nd or #th) Publisher City (State): Publisher Name; Year Published.

(example of a chapter in a book) Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathologic properties of invading organisms. In: Sodeman WA, editor. Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of disease. 5th ed. Philadelphia (PA): Saunders; 1974. p. 135–140.

WEBSITE, WEBPAGE, OR BLOG

Website Name or Title of Page. City of Website Owner Based In (State): Website Owner Name, Department or Office Under Owner If Applicable; Copyright Year If Available [accessed year first-3-letters-of-month]. URL beginning with http(s)://.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Author(s). Title of paper or presentation. Occurrence and name of conference; date of conference; place of conference. Publisher City (State): Publisher; date. p. #s. URL beginning with http(s):// (if online).

DISSERTATION/THESIS

Author(s). Title of dissertation or thesis. Publisher City (State): Publisher; date. Pages (p. #s). Located at: (if found on website or in publication other than publisher's). URL beginning with http(s):// (if found online).

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT (online)

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FACTSHEET, BULLETIN, CIRCULAR (print of online)

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