Style and Reference Guide for Undergraduate Essays
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While this style and reference guide follows the ASA Style Guide on most points, we have introduced some minor but important differences for the purposes of undergraduate essays in the Queen's Department of
Sociology. You should read through this guide before you begin to write your essay and refer to it when referencing ideas, paraphrasing, or making direct quotations.

Queen's offers you the opportunity to access a web-based bibliographic management tool (often called a "citation manager") called "RefWorks" (http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks) through the Queen's Library. If you use this system, or any other bibliographic management tool, you must ensure that it will create an ASA style list of references at the end of your essay and always compare it to the guide and check for errors.
1. Basic Page Layout

- Type your essay in 12-point Times New Roman font
- Double space the text and use left-justified style
- Pages should be numbered consecutively (not including the title page) and placed in the top right-hand corner of each page as a number only (not as “page one,” for example).

To prevent Word from numbering your title page: Insert - page number - top of page (right corner) - format page number- start at 0

- One-inch margins top, bottom, and sides; write to the page limit specified in the assignment. Word counts were invented before word processors, they measure only large words and you should get about 250 per 8.5 x 11 page. Therefore always write to the specified page limit.
- Student papers do not need spaces between each paragraph, and paragraphs should be indented

Remove extra spaces between paragraphs in Word:
- “Home” tab
- “Paragraph” box
- “Line and Paragraph Spacing”
- “Remove Space Before/After Paragraph”

Cover Pages

- Essays are to be stapled in the left-hand corner. NO COVERS, plastic or paper.
- Title (titles must be real titles, not things such as “Essay # one”)

In the bottom right hand corner should be:
- Your student number. (You are not required to place your name on assignments, but it helps.) Make sure your student number is correct!
- The professor’s name and TA’s name
- The course (tutorial day and time if applicable)
- The date

Do not repeat any of this information in the body of the essay. There is no need to repeat the title on the first page of your essay, even though the formal ASA publication guide says you should.

2. In-Text References (Embedded Citations)

Essays must reference all quoted and paraphrased material within the text as it appears and have a list of references at the end or they will not be marked. The author-date system (ASA style) is used for in-text references.

There are three acceptable ways to do textual references in ASA style:

1. According to Howell (1993), the divorce rates can be explained by social... (34).
2. The divorce rate can be explained by social...(Howell 1993:34).
3. According to Howell (1993:34), the divorce rates can be explained by social ...

Avoid placing citations in the middle of sentences. Arrange your words so that the citations come at the beginning (e.g., Howell (1993) explains the divorce rate...”) or the end of the sentence. Note that the
punctuation always comes after the bracket, but the quotation marks for a quote occur before the bracket, e.g., “Sentence you are quoting” (Smith 1980:24).

(ASA has given up the long-standing practice of putting commas after the author’s name in the in-text citations.) Note there is no P. for page in these citations.

ASA style guides state that page numbers are used only when directly quoting from the work or referring to specific passages. For first year students, we request that students always include the page numbers, even for their paraphrased material, while upper year students can follow the official ASA guidelines.

If the work you are using is online HTML and has no page numbers, you can go with simple (author date) or (author date: N.P.) N.P. stands for no page. However, most PDF files will have the proper page numbers for online material, especially journal articles.

More Rules

If the author’s name is in the text, follow it with the publication year in parentheses: Thomson and Biers (1995) debated the issue...

If the author’s name is not in the text, enclose the last name and year in parentheses: Suburban growth has slowed (Paulan 1989:45-60).

If the page number is to be included it follows the year of publication after a colon: Braverman (1992:147) writes that...

If the information is cited from more than one source by the same author, enclose the years of publication, separated by a comma, in parentheses: Dingwall (1951, 1958) suggests...

If the information is cited from more than one source by the same author published in the same year, distinguish them by using letters, e.g., (Trigger 1968a:78).

If a work cited was reprinted from a version published earlier, list the earliest publication date in brackets, followed by the publication date of the recent version used: …Veblen ([1899] 1979) stated that...

When citing two different authors with the same last name, use identifying initials, as in (L. Beard 1988).

When you cite more than one source, alphabetize citations by authors’ last names within parentheses and separate with a semi-colon, as follows: ... to parallel the rise and fall of working class militancy (Andersen 1987; Leaky 1977; Vintner and Parks 1991).

If you wish to cite a study referred to in the source you are using and you have not read the original yourself, you can note it as follows: (McNeil cited in Hamilton 1996:23). This indicates that you are reading Hamilton and she is citing McNeil on page 23 of her book. This is the most common question first year students ask therefore it is highlighted in RED!

If there are two authors, include both names: A contemporary study (Carr and Ventelli 1986)...

In citations with three authors, all authors’ last names should be listed the first time the reference is
cited, but thereafter substitute et al. for the second and third authors’ names. First citation: (Smith, Garcia and Lee 1954); subsequent citations: (Smith et al. 1954).

In the first in-text citation of sources with four or more authors, use the first author's last name and the words et al., as in (Parker et al. 1995). List all names only when et al. would cause confusion.

For unpublished materials, use “forthcoming” to indicate material scheduled for publication. For dissertations and unpublished papers, cite the date: (Smith, forthcoming 2011).

For institutional authorship, supply minimum identification from the beginning of the reference item, as in (Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans 1991:98).

Ampersands (&) should not be used as a substitute for "and" in citations and references.

Use of ibid.
- The use of (ibid.) is encouraged when you are citing the same author many times in the same paragraph. The first time you give the citation in full (Jones 1998:23). The subsequent times you may say (ibid.) or if the page number changes (ibid:24). Ibid. refers to the previous reference, so any time a different author’s citation is used you must start the process all over again.

3. Miscellaneous Style and Grammar Matters

Referencing Concerns

Do not cite your professor, teaching assistant, or high school teachers. These are not considered research sources. Furthermore, a research paper requires effort and use of the library. It is NOT acceptable to have only open web based sources in your reference page. Never use Wikipedia, and only use Google Scholar as a last resort. However, online peer reviewed journals found on the library subscription platforms are acceptable “online sources.” Abstracts do not count as articles for the purpose of your research essays; you must find the actual article. Book reviews are also not appropriate research sources, although you may choose to find the book being reviewed. Using the web to do research can be helpful, but you must take care that the web-based sources you use are legitimate. Use only reputable organizations and take note of the fact that many organizations online will have a very clear political position that they are supporting. While students are encouraged to use sociology encyclopedias and dictionaries to help them understand their topics students are encouraged to move away from this type of reference material when citing in their essays. It is important to attempt to define your terms based on the sources you are using rather than a dictionary definition. The Annual Review of Sociology is a helpful journal for picking essay topics but note that these are large overarching literature reviews and you will have to narrow your focus.

Evidence versus Example

All forms of journalism including newspapers, magazines, blogs, investigative TV shows, music, etc. are all useful ways to find examples of the issues you may be discussing in your paper. They do not, however, constitute evidence. Pop culture is not considered academic evidence; it is only used as example.

Interviews
Conducting interviews is not permissible without an ethics review process and this will not be granted to first year students. If you want to incorporate material of this nature it must be stated as personal experience. You may not quote other students and you should not be asking other people questions without going through the ethics review process.

**Avoid Vague, Unfocused Thesis Statements**

A vague thesis statement often results in a paper that is unfocused and never reaches meaningful conclusions. You should avoid putting issues in the thesis statement that are never followed up on, and avoid putting issues in the paper that are not accounted for in the thesis statement. The thesis statement is the most important and difficult piece of writing. Your thesis paragraph sets up a “contract” between you and your reader and should indicate the specific issue(s) that will be analyzed in the paper (i.e., what is to be argued) and the direction that the essay will take (i.e., how it will be argued). You should endeavour to answer the question “So what?” What is the social significance of the issue at hand? A thesis statement is not the same thing as a topic. A topic is broad and a thesis is very specific. Please consult the Writing Centre web page under the “Writing Resources” → “Handouts” tabs for more information on proper thesis construction.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Does the thesis indicate a specific problem or question?
- Is the thesis sufficiently developed?
- Does the thesis offer an evaluation?
- Is the thesis arguable? Is it too broad or too narrow?
- Is the thesis too obvious or too obscure?
- Is the thesis clearly expressed?

A thesis is:

- NOT a description (This essay will discuss the wage gap and the way it affects Canadian women …)
- NOT a statement that is self-evident (Understanding the wage gap is important …)
- NOT a statement of fact (The wage gap continues to affect women in the Canadian workforce …)
- NOT a question (Does the wage gap still exist in today’s Canadian workforce?)
- NOT a matter of personal opinion or preference that cannot be argued against (Men have had their share of the pie long enough …)
- NOT a broad generalization (Men are from Mars; women are from Venus …)

**Footnotes**

If you use footnotes, their purpose is to discuss any matter, which cannot appear in the text without constituting a digression. Where the footnote’s purpose is documentation, the reference must be sufficiently full that an interested reader can go with complete certainty to the same place in the same source to check the accuracy and fullness of the reference. A footnote to text material is shown by a superscript number or figure, which should follow a word or sentence to which it pertains. It follows the word without a space, but comes after the punctuation marks. Footnotes are to be numbered consecutively. The separation between the footnotes and the body of the text should be marked by a line across the page. Each footnote takes paragraph indentation and should be single spaced.

**Paragraphs**
Paragraphs should be at least three lines long and have a beginning, a middle, and an end – with a point clearly made somewhere in them. You need smooth transitions between paragraphs. Paragraph transitions technically occur at the beginning of the new paragraph, not at the end of the old one. Relate paragraphs to each other through introductory and (if needed) concluding sentences. Avoid dealing with too many ideas in one paragraph. Hence, break up long paragraphs (most paragraphs should be less than half a page in length). Do not introduce new ideas or information in your concluding paragraph. Use your conclusion to reiterate your thesis and sum up. You must move beyond the “five paragraph hamburger” essay model that you used in high school. Essays will contain as many points and as many paragraphs as are needed to address an issue.

**Quotations**

Quotations that would exceed four lines in the regular text should be offset from the rest of the text, single-spaced. *(We realize some style guides say double spaced, but we don’t want you to do that)* with no quotation marks and indented on the left side only. For example, you might write the following:

*In his essay on “‘Objectivity’ in Social Science and Social Policy,” Weber (1949:54) argued:*

> An empirical science cannot tell anyone what he should do – but rather what he can do – and under certain circumstances – what he wishes to do. It is true that in our sciences, personal value-judgments have tended to influence scientific arguments without being explicitly admitted.

> Suspending one’s personal value judgments when writing an essay is crucial to the sociological enterprise, and students should avoid the error of letting them slip into their arguments.

NOTE: Some formal guides close offset quotes with a period and then follow that punctuation with the citation (Jones 1983:23). – closing with another period! We see no logic to this format. No sentence should be punctuated with two periods.

Regular quotations are integrated into the sentence and do use quotation marks, as in the following:

*Weber (1949:54) argued that “in our sciences, personal value-judgments have tended to influence scientific arguments without being explicitly admitted.”*

Use single quotation marks only for noting quotations within a quote. For example you might write the following:

*Weber (1949:60) also emphasized that the journal “has not been a ‘socialist’ organ hitherto and in the future it shall not be ‘bourgeois’.”*

Refrain from using quotations at the end of paragraphs. It is better to sum up your point in your own words. Quotations do not stand alone on merit: you must tell the reader what is important about the quotation or sum up the point. Otherwise, the quote just seems dropped in to take up space. If the quotation starts with a capital letter, then a colon is used, e.g., She states: “When....” If the quotation it is not capitalized, then a comma is used, e.g., She states, “when...”
Avoid Wordiness

Keep things simple and to the point. Don’t repeat yourself and don’t throw in extra descriptions in front of people’s names like “the renowned writer Weber” – unless it is important to your point. Don’t cite entire book titles in the essay; that is why there is a reference list at the end of your paper.

Avoid Sweeping Assumptions

Refrain from ahistorical or sweeping assumptions that you cannot prove or worse yet can be easily disproved, such as “for all of time,” or “throughout history,” or “since the beginning.” Always use qualifying words to be safe, such as “some,” “many,” “most.” Any student who starts their paper with any of these above dreaded fallacies is going to cause despair in the grader, remember you are not in high school anymore!

Language

1. Canadian spelling is required, e.g., “colour,” not “color.” Change the spellchecker language in your computer to English (Canada).
2. Use complete clear sentences. Watch verb tense and grammar.
3. Be aware of the difference between “there” and “their,” “to” and “too,” and “then” and “than.” “It’s” is not possessive! It is a contraction that stands for “it is.”
4. 1990s. NOT 1990’s. The apostrophe makes it possessive. Only use it when you mean the date to be possessive.
5. Avoid gender specific language unless you mean to be gender specific.
6. Don’t use big words when small ones will do.
7. Be careful with that thesaurus: make sure the words you choose capture the intended meaning.
8. Colloquial terms are not used in formal writing, e.g., “to hell in a hand basket,” “the rat race.”
9. Keep an academic tone. Contractions are not used in formal writing. Avoid writing the way you talk.
10. When using an acronym, spell out the complete term the first time you use it and present the acronym in parentheses: First use: “The Current Population Survey (CPS) includes . . . .” Later: “CPS data show that . . . .”
11. Racial/ethnic names that represent geographical locations or linguistic groups should be capitalized. For example, Asian, African Canadian, Caucasian, Indo Canadian. The words black and white are not capitalized.
12. Type only one space after punctuation and do not use periods in acronyms like NAFTA (not N.A.F.T.A.)
13. Italics should be used for book titles in the text and in the list of references and for obscure foreign language words. Commonly used foreign words or terms, however, should appear in regular type. Examples are per se, ad hoc, and et al.
14. Do not abbreviate the names of institutions or people’s rank or title unless it is Dr.

Using Numbers

Spell out numbers one through nine. Use numerals for numbers 10 or greater. Always spell out numbers at the beginning of a sentence. Always use numerals for tables and figures. Spell out centuries. Spell out common fractions. Always use numerals with percents. Numerals are always used to represent time and money.

Active Voice
The active voice is more precise and less wordy. The subject of an active sentence tells the reader who did something. For example: A team of 14 trained interviewers queried 350 college graduates. A passive construction would read: Three hundred fifty college graduates were queried. Always try to write in the active voice.

**Subject-Verb Agreement and Number Agreement**

The subject of a sentence must agree in number with the verb regardless of the words or phrases that come between them. If you use the word “woman” the verb must be singular. It is very common to see students write “woman are” which makes no sense. The word data is plural and takes a plural verb as in “the data as reported are correct”.

**4. What is a Social Theory? What is not?**

**MODEL:** A model is a temporarily useful way of seeing. A model is a way of organizing a set of recognizable facts in such a way as to describe social reality at least for a time or for a specific purpose. It treats some “facts” as relevant and others as anomalies or irrelevancies. Models provide an immediate image of something that has been identified from experience. Parson’s model of the structurally isolated nuclear family would be an example. A model is not a theory, although it may be a starting point for the construction of a conceptual framework.

**CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK:** Conceptual frameworks provide key concepts used for analyzing and communicating about the observations represented in a model. It sets out the basic abstract building blocks that might be used in the construction of a theory but in and of itself does not constitute a theory. They can be thought of as theoretical perspectives that suggest the kinds of questions we should ask, direct our attention to certain events, and they help interpret what we observe. For example, an anti-racist conceptual framework would focus on colonialism and imperialism as key concepts for framing analyses around “race.”

**THEORY:** A theory is a set of systematic abstract statements based upon the subsumption of observable phenomena within a conceptual framework which attempts to provide an EXPLANATION that includes a description of how social reality works and an understanding of why it works the way it does. The worth of theory lies in its ability to EXPLAIN the facts, not just to describe them. The more facts a theory seems to explain, the greater the GENERALITY of that theory. Other criteria of assessment would include the clarity of the logic of the explanation (parsimony), the specificity of the concepts and propositions (discriminability), and the testability – the extent to which the assertions of the theory can be disconfirmed by evidence.

A theory at a macro level of analysis is a theory that purports to describe and explain the way whole societies function, often in terms of the effect of the economy on all other aspects of the society.

A theory at a micro level of analysis is a theory that purports to describe and explain small-scale interactions amongst two or more persons, such as the internal dynamics of family.

There are a whole range of levels of analysis between macro and micro. R. Merton referred to these as theories of the middle range as they attempt to explain social relations in particular sorts of social institutions such as bureaucracies. Max Weber is a good example of a major sociologist who theorized at this middle range.
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Some theories you cannot categorize in this way as they attempt to integrate macro and micro level considerations.

**Ideology vs. Theory**

An **IDEOLOGY** is a comprehensive world view that may or may not be “true” and is not the only way of viewing the world. Ideologies emerge from material realities but also help to construct material realities and often function as a system of social control. Ideologies will give broad answers to questions of social meaning including What is right / wrong? Who/what is responsible (what is the cause of the problem)? and what can be done about it (what changes are needed)?

Alternatively, a theory aims to explain social relations (What/ How/ Why) based on evidence. Theories must be tested against evidence, whereas ideologies may stand relatively unexamined unconscious and untested. Sociological theory is dependent for its validity upon evidence which is examined both historically (diachronically) and cross-culturally (synchronously). Theory can be a guide to what is researched. There is a dialectical (dynamic tension) between theory and evidence as they will impact each other and change each other. All theory contains ideological elements; implications about what is right or wrong and about what can be changed. Critical analysts should tease out and address these “hidden” implications of particular theories and show what the consequences may be.

**Include Theoretical Depth**

It is very important in sociology that you not rely on commonsensical notions, perceptions or opinions. Sociology is not “common sense.” Support your ideas with material from the literature. When doing sociological research, you do not enter the library to attempt to prove a point you have in your head. You enter the library to read some of the scholarship on a topic and then develop your argument from there. Use specific examples to illustrate points and concepts. Demonstrate your assertions. Sociologists analyze and explain, they don’t just describe. It is the social theories that will help you to explain your topic. A theoretical perspective is a point of view on an issue, and everyone has one.

Students have a tendency to write about theories in one separate paragraph as if they had nothing to do with the rest of the argument in the paper. Avoid doing this. Sociology students writing argumentative essays write from a theoretical position not about theoretical positions. Theories do not cause the event you are looking at. Rather, they attempt to explain it. Therefore avoid sentences that say such things as “Due to Social Learning theory, children do better when...” The theory is not the cause of whatever you are discussing. The better your use of theory, the more solid your argument will be, and ultimately the better your paper will be as it will be more coherent.

**Methodological Errors**

**Methodological individualism:** Inferring properties of social relations from properties of individual persons. Sometimes theories at the micro level claim to be self-sufficient generalizations about the whole of human nature. For example, socio-biologists explain male-female relations in terms of biological parental investment. This is criticized by many sociologists as REDUCTIONIST, because it seems to reduce generalizations about the whole of societies to generalizations about the behaviour of individuals. This form of reasoning is also described as ESSENTIALIST and is said to represent the problem of methodological individualism.
*Reification*: The fallacy of misplaced concreteness: treating that which is abstract (e.g., society) as though it were concrete (e.g., society needs to work harder to fix inequality). Society is a thing, not an agent. Reification means to make concrete that, which is abstract. When you start sentences with phrases such as “society thinks,” “cultures have views,” and “institutions force,” what you are doing is giving those non-human things human qualities. Institutions cannot force: only people force. You need to be specific about who does these things. Medical professionals have opinions, medicine does not. When you reify, you are really making a functionalist statement that implies that everyone in society has the same values, thus denying that people with differing views are part of society. If society makes women feel fat, where does that leave all the people who would not make women feel fat? The question is: *who* or *what processes* result in women feeling fat? Think carefully about your word choice.

5. **Assignments**

**ANSWER THE QUESTION!** Maintain a balance in your essay sections. Each component of the question to be answered should hold equal weight. *Incorporate recent publications into your references. Do not say, “Today we think ...” if your source is not recent!* Qualify your use of old sources. Explain sociological concepts — never assume the marker knows what you are talking about. Follow the instructions exactly.

**Submitting Essays**

Essays are typically submitted on line through the course web page. However, if you ever miss this opportunity or have to hand something in late, or you are asked to submit a hard copy, you can hand papers through the “essay slot” outside the Sociology main office M-C D431. They will be date stamped and put in the appropriate mailbox. DO NOT enter the main office and disturb the administrative staff. You are responsible for providing your own staples and ensuring that all the relevant information is on the front of your paper. Please get your TA’s name correct, as assignments cannot be distributed properly without the TA’s name. NEVER slide essays under any door. If you are not in this sociology class, please ask your instructor where you are to hand in your papers.

**Plagiarism**

It is assumed that students have read and are familiar with the university’s *policy on academic dishonesty* in the regulations section of the Queen’s Faculty of Arts and Science Calendar. The section on plagiarism spells out what constitutes academic dishonesty with reference to essay writing. This includes:

- Submitting as one’s own an essay written in whole or in part by someone else.
- Preparing an essay for another student to submit.
- Using direct quotations or large sections of paraphrased material without acknowledgement.

There are serious penalties for plagiarism. If you have any doubt about what this means, you should talk to the professor or your TA.

**Note:** Please keep copies of all past assignments until you graduate because you may be asked to produce old assignments if we feel that work has been submitted more than once. Always keep a back-up copy of any essay you hand in.
6. References/Works Cited (Bibliography)

Your final list of sources, titled References, is an alphabetized list of EVERY source referred to or quoted in your paper. References are not numbered. These references allow your reader to identify and retrieve the sources you have cited in your research in order to engage further in the ideas you present in your research. NOTE: A bibliography is not the same thing as a reference page per se. Bibliographies include sources you have found helpful, even if you have not directly quoted from or referred to them in your paper. For our students only materials cited in the text of your essay may go in your reference page at the end of the paper, everything else will be considered padding.

Reference List Rules

- Your references list appears on a separate page at the end of your paper. Number this page sequentially with the rest of your paper, and centre the word “References” at the top of it. You do not need to bold, italicize, or underline this title. All references cited in the text must be listed and vice-versa.
- Officially, references should be double-spaced, but this is very hard to read so check with your TA or instructor for their preference. You will notice that the sample bibliography provided is not double spaced but a space between each entry is helpful.
- Use hanging indentation. Type the first line of each reference entry flush to the left margin. Indent all subsequent lines at least three spaces.
- List references in alphabetical order by the author’s last name. Invert the authors’ name. If there are two or more authors, invert only the first author’s name. When no author is given, list the work alphabetically by title, disregarding "A," "An" or "The." NOTE: The author is not necessarily an individual, but may be an institution or a committee.
- Arrange multiple items by the same author in order by year of publication, earliest year first. Use six hyphens and a period (------.) in place of the name(s) for repeated authorship.
- Distinguish works by the same author in the same year by adding letters (e.g., 1993a, 1993b, 1993c).
- Use *italics* for book and periodical titles (underline if italics are not available).
- If no date is available, use "N.d." in place of the date.
- Name every author of each reference; "et al." is not acceptable.
- Use authors' first names, not first initials, unless only initials appear in the original source.
- List the publisher's name as concisely as possible without losing clarity. For example: "Riley" for "William Riley and Sons."

Sample Reference List Using ASA Style

(See *The Sociology Student Writer’s Manual Fifth Edition* by Johnson, Rettig, Scott and Garrison for more detailed information and entries)

You need Hanging indentation. Here's how:
1. Select all the text you want indented. (CTRL/A will select the entire document.)
2. Right-click in the selection and select Paragraph from the pop-up menu.
3. Set the Special list box to Hanging.
4. Click OK.

Books
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**Book with One Author** Author’s last name, first name. date of publication. *title in italics*. place of publication: publisher.


**Book with Two Authors** second name not reversed


**Book with Three or More Authors** the use of et al. is not acceptable in references section


**Book, Edited**


**Book, Editions**


**Book, Volumes**


**Book, No Author** listed alphabetically by the first significant word in the title. Do not use “Anonymous.” If you can ascertain the name of the author when it is not formally given in the work itself place the author's name in brackets


**Book, Chapter**

Author1(last name inverted), Author 2 not inverted and author 3. Date of publication. “Title of the article”. P.p. with page numbers in *Name of the publication (italicized)*, edited by editor’s initials only for first and middle names and not inverted. Location of publisher: publisher’s name.

**Book, Chapter (not edited)**

**Book, Collected Works (Anthology), Article**

**Book, Compilation**

**Book, Translated**

**Book, Republished**

**Books, Electronic**
*Last Name, First Name. Year. Title. City, Province. Publisher. Date retrieved (website address).*

**Journal Articles**

NOTE: Volume and issue numbers in journals are often confusing for students. Generally the volume number comes first and if there is an issue number it comes second. It may look like this: Vol. 24 Is. 3, or V. 24 No.2, or 24(2). The last form is preferred.

NOTE: The majority of journal articles are now found in on-line form in library subscription data bases, for the purposes of SOCY 122 it is not necessary for students to record the retrieval date and URL of the article as the 4th edition of the official ASA style guide indicates. However, if the article is retrieved from the open web then the retrieval date and URL should be provided.

**Journal Article, One Author**
*Author1 (last name inverted). Date of publication. “Title of the article.” Name of the publication in italics Volume Number (Issue Number):page numbers of article.*
Journal Article, Two Authors

Journal Article, Multiple Authors

Journal Article, Foreign Language

Journal Article, Open Web (not from Queen’s library subscription data bases)

Article from an open on-line repository for academic papers, such as Academia.edu
1. Always cite the published version if the cited work is indeed published. (The published version is the archival work; the Open Access version is merely a means of access to a supplementary version of it. It is not the published work.)
2. Always give the URL or DOI of the Open Access version for access purposes, along with the citation to the published version.
For more information, see: [http://eresourcesatbradford.wordpress.com/2009/04/03/how-to-quote-a-paper-found-in-a-repository/](http://eresourcesatbradford.wordpress.com/2009/04/03/how-to-quote-a-paper-found-in-a-repository/)

Journal Article, Book Review

Abstracts
Online Abstract

Papers

Paper, Refereed Forthcoming

Paper, Unpublished

Paper, Working

Paper, Conference

Paper, Discussion

Paper, Presented

Other Source Types

Newspaper Article
Snyder, Donna. 1999. “Judge Orders Teen’s Hearing in Murder Case to Be Closed.” Buffalo News, May 18, 1B.
Web Version of Newspapers

Magazine Article
Jana, Reena. 2000. “Preventing culture clashes – As the IT workforce grows more diverse, managers must improve awareness without creating inconsistency.” InfoWorld, April 24, pp. 95.

Brochure or Pamphlet

Treat pamphlets created by corporate authors in the same way you would treat an entire book written by a corporate author. Do not forget to identify your resource as [Brochure] or [Pamphlet] within brackets.

Reports, Bulletins, Fact Sheets and Newsletters
Report, No Author

Report, Author

Newsletter, No Author

Dissertations and Theses

Data Set/Machine-Readable Data Files

**Government Publication – Individual Author(s)**

**Government Publication – Group or Organization as Author**

**Specific Tables in a Government Report or Census Report**

**Government Report or Report by a Professional Association**

**Census Data**
Example from the 96 Census:
Depending on your needs, you could include more detail in the citation e.g., the level of geography: ...Census of Canada. Profile Data for Kingston at the census Tract Level. Ottawa.....

**Spreadsheets**

**Survey Instrument**

**Archival Sources**
National Archives, Box 133. 1991. File: State and Local Information, September-October 1990. Letter from Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of Learning Disabled People to William Wondra.


Information Posted on Web pages Including Academia.edu which is an open on-line repository for academic papers.


Email Citation

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Example Text: In an email message to the author, Jones indicated that he was leaving the university.

Footnote: number superscript John Jones, email message to author May 19 2010.

Blogs

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Religious Texts

If you need to cite religious texts such as the Bible for illustration or example purposes in your essay please see the citation practice for this in the MLA or APA on-line guide on the web. Remember religious texts are not peer reviewed and cannot stand as evidence in a sociology paper.

Lecture Note Citation

Beamish, Rob. 2010. Class lecture. September 22. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON.

Various Examples of Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

For print copy of an encyclopedia entry:

Examples of on line versions of Encyclopedias
<http://www.blackwellreference.com/subscriber/tocnode?id=g9781405124331_chunk_g978140512433125_sss1-190>


Non-Print Media

YouTube Video

Podcast

DVD
Blackside [Producer]. 2009. Eyes on the Prize: America’s Civil Rights Years 1954-1965 (Season 1). DVD.

Film

Film of Limited Circulation
Cassette

Musical recording

Television
*Title of program*. (transmission date) Net Work.

CD-Rom
Author (if known, last name first). *CD-Rom Title*. year(s). CD-ROM: Publisher. (Date you last accessed the database).

Power Point

Speech
I found this information on Google for MLA style and just put the date after the author which is the convention in ASA.

Speaker. Date of presentation. “Title of the Speech”. Meeting Name. Location of the Meeting. Type of Presentation.


In-text citation:

Speeches on CD

In-text citation:
Place parenthetical citations in context in your sentences, after the word that needs the citation. Use both the original and the reprint dates in the parenthetical citation:
In a much-loved speech (Taft [1908] 2007), he addressed the issue of trusts.

Speeches on YouTube

Citations in Text
Citations are placed in the context of discussion and are formatted like so, using the author’s last name and the date of publication.
(Cato Institute 2008)
Alternatively, you can integrate the citation into the sentence by means of narrative, like so:
The Cato Institute (2008) has published a video on YouTube in which John Samples discusses free political speech.

**Legislation Examples**
Court cases and legislative acts follow a format stipulated by legal publishers. The act or case is listed first, followed by volume number, abbreviated title, and the date of the work in which the act or case is found. The volume number is given in Arabic numerals, and the date is parenthesized. Court cases are italicized, but acts are not. Case names, including v., are italicized.

If retrieved from an online database, such as LexisNexis or HeinOnline, provide access information.
*Ohio v. Vincer* (Ohio App. Lexis 4356 [1999]).


**Public Documents**
Because the nature of public documents is so varied, the form of entry for documentation cannot be standardized. The essential rule is to provide sufficient information so that the reader can locate the reference easily.

*Reports, Constitutions, Laws, and Ordinances*
Ohio Revised Code Annotated, Section 3566 (West 2000).
U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 4.

**Information a census table or map**
Information taken from the Statistics Canada Website

Citing a census table, graph or map from a publication in HTML or PDF


Citing a census table, graph or map from a publication in print


Citing a table, graph or map from E-STAT


Statistics Canada. No date. *Number of Farms and Selected Averages by Number of Operators per Farm, by Province, Census Agricultural Region (CAR), Census Division (CD), 2001 Saskatchewan (20 Agricultural Regions)* (table). 2001 – Census of Agriculture, Farm Operator Data by Province, Census Agricultural Region (CAR) and Census Division (CD) (database). Using E-STAT (distributor). Last updated August 12, 2002.