

The Writing Center



Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS)

"Bibliography" (for Notes and Bibliography style) or "References" (for Author-Date style).

On the backside of this handout is an example of what an CMOS-style References page (for Author-Date style) typically looks like. Using standard formats for your entries enhances your credibility with academic readers, and alphabetizing your list helps fellow researchers quickly locate the sources that you refer to in the body of your text.

Note: if you are using the Notes and Bibliography Style, this final page with your references will be called your Bibliography and the entry formatting will vary slightly.

Keep in mind a few more formatting rules:

- Begin your Bibliography or References page on a new page; it will be the last page of your essay. Title this as a Bibliography or References page.
- The page must have one-inch margins on each side.
- Double space the Bibliography or References page and use hanging indents.
- Alphabetize the entries based on the first segment of information in the entry. (i.e. If you don't have the author's name, begin the entry with the work's title)
- The entries for the Notes and Bibliography Style and the Author-Date style vary slightly.
- To look into specific CMOS citation questions, go to The CMOS Online at https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html or google Purdue OWL: CMOS style and formatting for more information.
- 1. Note: The information in brackets on the following page is not part of the citation. We have listed in brackets the type of source; you will not need to do this when you create your works cited page.
- 2. Note about URLs: CMOS makes no recommendation between using a DOI or using the URL for online sources. You will want to use whatever reference your professor prefers. If your professor has no preference, citing a DOI is preferable to citing a URL.

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