

## Style Manuals and Citation Formats

<http://infodome.sdsu.edu/research/guides/styles/cite.shtml>

A style manual is a guide to preparing a research paper in a particular field of study. The most comprehensive style manuals include information about selecting a topic, carrying out research, evaluating materials, taking effective notes, and organizing and writing the paper. Since scholarly papers frequently cite the work of other researchers in the field, a standardized format for citing references is an important part of a style manual. Usually, instructors indicate to their students which citation format they would like them to follow in the list of works cited at the end of the research paper. It is important that each citation in this list give complete information about the source in question, so that a reader of the paper could readily find the source in question.

### Commonly Used Style Manuals

The Library has copies of most major style and format manuals. Because they are in great demand, they are mostly kept in the Reference Services area.

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| <p><b>Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association</b>, 5th ed. (BF 76.7 P 83 2001 Reference Desk and Reference Table 12)</p> <p>Known as the "APA Manual," this is the style most frequently used in the social sciences. The manual describes all elements of a research paper, and discusses the conventions of manuscript preparation, including punctuation, quoting sources, tables and statistical material, and the reference list.</p>   | <p><a href="#">More about</a><br/>APA style.</p>      |
| <p>Gibaldi, Joseph. <b>MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers</b>, 6th ed. (LB 2369 G53 2003 Reference Desk and Reference Table 12)</p> <p>This manual, referred to as "MLA," is designed for undergraduate students writing research papers about language and literature. It discusses the mechanics of good writing, the format of a research paper, and documentation.</p> <p>Gibaldi, Joseph. <b>MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing</b>, 2nd ed. (PN 147 G444 1998 Reference Table 12)</p> <p>The companion book for graduate students and academics.</p> | <p><a href="#">More about</a><br/>MLA style.</p>      |
| <p><b>Chicago Manual of Style</b>, 15th edition. (Z 253 C57 15th ed. 2003 Reference Desk and Reference Table 12)</p> <p>This manual and Turabian are the only major style manuals which continue to use footnotes or endnotes and a bibliography. It is used in the humanities and social sciences, especially in history.</p>  | <p><a href="#">More about</a><br/>Chicago style.</p>  |
| <p>Turabian, Kate L. <b>A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations</b>, 6th ed. (LB 2369 T8 1996 Reference Desk and Reference Table 12)</p> <p>Generally called "Turabian," this style manual is based on the <b>Chicago Manual of Style</b>. It is used in the social sciences, especially in history.</p>   | <p><a href="#">More about</a><br/>Turabian style.</p> |

Other style manuals can be found on Table 12 in the Reference Services area.

# Specialized Style Manuals and Citation Styles

## Anthropology

[American Anthropological Association \(AAA\) Style Guide](http://www.aaanet.org/pubs/style_guide.htm)

<[http://www.aaanet.org/pubs/style\\_guide.htm](http://www.aaanet.org/pubs/style_guide.htm)>

[Society for American Archaeology \(SAA\) Style Guide](http://www.saa.org/Publications/StyleGuide/styframe.html)

<<http://www.saa.org/Publications/StyleGuide/styframe.html>>

## Chemistry

Dodd, Janet S., ed. **The ACS Style Guide: A Manual for Authors and Editors**, 2nd ed. (QD 8.5 A25 1997 Reference Table 12)

## Physics

**AIP Style Manual**, 4th ed. (QC 5.45 A45 1990 Reference Table 12) This manual is available in [PDF form for downloading](#) from the American Institute of Physics website.

## Sociology

American Sociological Association. **ASA style guide**, 2nd ed. (HM586 .A54 1997 Reference Table 12)  
Examples can be seen on the [ASA Format](#) page prepared by Romelia Salinas, University Library, California State University, Los Angeles.

## Others

Slade, Carole. **Form and Style: Research Papers, Theses, Reports**, 12th ed. (LB 2369 C3 2003 Reference Desk and Reference Table 12)

Council of Biology Editors. **Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers**, 6th ed. (QH 304 C33 1994 Reference Table 12)

Harnack, Andrew, and Kleppinger, Eugene. **Online! A Reference Guide to Using Internet Sources**, 2000 edition. (TK 5105.875 I57 H364 2000 Reference Table 12) An [accompanying website](http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online) is available at <<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online>>

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