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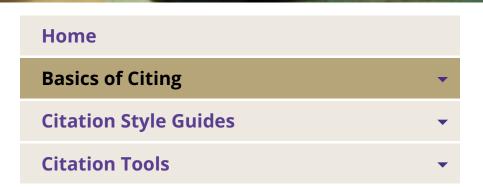
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RESEARCH GUIDES / CITING SOURCES / WHICH CITATION STYLE SHOULD I USE?

Citing Sources: Which citation style should I use?

An overview of tips, tools, and resources for all your citation needs

Which citation style should I use?

The citation style you choose will largely be dictated by the discipline in which you're writing. For many assignments your instructor will suggest or require a certain style. If you're not sure which one to use, it's always best to check with your instructor or, if you are submitting a manuscript, the publisher to see if they require a certain style. In many cases, you may not be required to use any particular style as long as you pick one and use it consistently. If you have some flexibility, use the guide below to help you decide.

Disciplinary Citation Styles

Humanities Arts

Social Sciences

Sciences & Medicine

Engineering

When in doubt, try: Chicago Notes

- Architecture & Landscape Architecture → try Chicago Notes or Chicago Author-Date
- Art → try Chicago Notes
- Art History → *try Chicago Notes*
- Dance → try Chicago Notes or MLA
- Drama → try Chicago Notes or MLA
- Ethnomusicology → *try Chicago Notes*
- Music → try Chicago Notes
- Music History → try Chicago Notes
- Urban Design & Planning → try Chicago Notes or Chicago Author-Date

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Pro Tip: Citation

Stress!

different styles.

Tools Save Time &

If you're enrolled in classes that each

require a different citation style, it

can get confusing really fast! The

Generators section can help you

format citations quickly in many

tools on the **Quick Citation**

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