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What is it?

Academic writing requires the author to support their arguments with reference to other published work or experimental results/findings. A reference system will perform three essential tasks:

- Enable you to acknowledge other authors ideas (avoid plagiarism).
- Enable a reader to quickly locate the source of the material you refer to so they can consult it if they wish.
- Indicate to the reader the scope and depth of your research.

The Vancouver system is a widely used referencing system to help you achieve these objectives.

How do I use the Style?

- The Vancouver system places bibliographic information at the bottom of a page or at the end of a paper. Bibliographic information **does not** appear within the text of a document.
- A **superscript number** is inserted in your text at the point where you refer to your source of information. A consecutive number is allocated to each source as it is referred to for the first time. This number becomes the unique identifier of that source and is reused each time that particular reference is cited in the text: *e.g. New data was summarized by Blake[3] in a recent report*.
- The list of citations should appear at the end of your paper **in the order which they were cited.**
- Special abbreviations should be used when an item is cited for a second time and when an item is cited twice in a row.

Below is a list of some common citation types along with examples of how they are laid out within the Vancouver system guidelines.

Book with one author

Author Last name Initials. Title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Bull M. Sound moves: iPod culture and urban experience. London: Routledge; 2007.

Book with two – six authors

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaller MA. Medical microbiology. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.

Book with more than six authors

First six author(s) Last name Initials, et al. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Phillips H, Rogers B, Bernheim KL, Liu H, Hunter PG, Evans J, et al. Community medicine in action. New York: Eastern Press; 2005.

Book with a corporate author

Organization name. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development. Pedigree sheep breed improvement programme: performance results for lambs summer 2000. Cavan (Ireland): Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development; 2000.

Book with an Editor

Editor(s) Last name Initials, editors. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Whisnant R, DesAutels P, editors. Global feminist ethics. Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers; 2008.

Chapter in an edited book

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of chapter. In: Editor(s) Last name Initials, editors. Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher; year of publication. Page numbers.

Example: Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, editors. The genetic basis of human cancer. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93-113.

Print Journal article

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of article. Abbreviated journal title. Year of publication; Volume (Issue): Pages.

Example: Halpern SD, Ubel PA, Caplan AL. Solid-organ transplantation in HIV-infected patients. N Engl J Med. 2002; 347(4):284-7.

E-journal article

Author(s) last name Initials. Title of article. Abbreviated journal title [Internet]. Year Month Day of publication [cited Year Month Day]; Volume (Issue): Pages. Available from: URL.

Example: Abood S. Quality improvement initiative in nursing homes: the ANA acts in an advisory role. Am J Nurs [Internet]. 2002 Jun [cited 2002 Aug 12];102(6):966 - 969. Available from: http://www.nursingworld.org/AJN/2002/june/Wawatch.htm

Print newspaper article

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of article. Newspaper. Year Month Day of publication: Section. (Column).

Example: Tynan T. Medical improvements lower homicide rate: study sees drop in assault rate. The Washington Post. 2002 Aug 12;Sect. A:2 (col. 4).

Newspaper article – online

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of article. Newspaper [Internet}. Year Month Day of publication [cited Year Month Day]: Section: [Pages]. Available from: URL

Example: Kelly M. Burden of Irish debt could yet eclipse that of Greece. Irish Times [Internet]. 2010 May 22 [cited 2011 May 4]; Opinion & Analysis:[about 3 screens]. Available from: http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2010/0522/1224270888132.html

Website/Page on a website

Author(s). Webpage title [Internet]. Location: Publisher; Year of publication [updated Year Month Day; cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL

N.B. If no date of publication is available, use (undated) or (no date) instead of the date. This shows you have not just forgotten to include the date.

Example: American Medical Association. Medical leaders urge collection of demographic information as a step toward ending health care disparities [Internet]. Chicago: American Medical Association; 2011[updated 2011 April 28; cited 2011 May 4th]. Available from: http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/news/news/medical-leaders-urge-collection-demographic.page

Blog

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of blog entry. Year Month Day of blog entry [cited Year Month Day]. In: Title of blog [Internet]. City of publication: Publisher. Year Month Day of publication - .[pagination of blog entry]. Available from: URL

Example: Walsh B. Lorenzo Bini Smaghi on the impact of Basel III. 2011 April 2 [cited 2011 May 4]. In: The Irish Economy [Internet]. Dublin: Irish Economy. 2008 December 2 - .[about 2 screen]. Available from: http://www.irisheconomy.ie/index.php/2011/04/02/lorenzo-bini-smaghi-on-the-impact-of-basel-iii/

Email communication/Interviews

- Details of personal communication should be provided in the text.
- The name of the person and date of communication should be cited in parentheses in the text.
- A citation number is **not** used and **no details** are included in your reference list.

Example: Numerous genes associated with diseases such as leukemia have been identified (George Scott, email to author, 2010 Feb 10).

Government agency publication

Name of organization or agency. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: Irish Department of Health & Children. A vision for change: report of the expert group on mental health policy. Dublin: Stationary Office, 2006.

Parliamentary and legal material

Title, Jurisdiction [statute on the Internet]. cYear of publication [cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL

Example: Equality, Integration, Disability and Human Rights (Transfer of Departmental Administration and Ministerial Functions) Order 2011, Ireland [statute on the Internet].c2011 [cited 2011 May 3]. Available from:
http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2011/en/si/0139.html

EU publications

Organization name. Title. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

Example: European Commission. Making globalisation work for everyone. Office for Official Publications of the European Communities: Luxembourg; 2003.

Conferences

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of paper. In: Title of conference proceedings; Year Month Day(s) of conference; Location City, Country. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Page numbers.

Example: O'Connor J. Towards a greener Ireland. In: Discovering our natural sustainable resources: future proofing; 2009 March 15-16; Dublin, Ireland. Dublin: Environmental Institute; c2009. p. 65-69.

Theses

Author(s) Last name Initials. Title of thesis [dissertation]. [Place of publication]:
Publisher, year of publication. Total number of pages.

Example: Allen SJ. The social and moral fibre of Celtic tiger Ireland [dissertation].
[Dublin]: University College Dublin; 2009. 270p.

Audio-visual material

Director(s) Last name initials. Title [Format]. Place of distribution: Distribution company,
year.

Example: Von Donnersmarck FH. The lives of others [DVD]. Santa Monica: Lionsgate; 2007.

EndNote is a software application that allows researchers store and manage all references
in one place. It is available via Software for U and the Library runs regular introductory
and advanced training sessions.

- Users can record, store and manage references in hundreds of citation styles.
- Users can add references manually or search and download directly from online
  databases and library catalogues.
- EndNote Cite While You Write features allows users to insert citations easily and
  creates bibliographies automatically in Microsoft Word (and Apple's Pages '09 with
  EndNote version X2).

More information about Library support for Endnote is available on our website[1].

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[1] http://www.ucd.ie/library/endnote