

This is a general guide on format and style used by different disciplines. Always consult with your academic program to determine which format and style to use.

Discipline	Style 1	Style 2	Explanation
Arts and Sciences			
Art	Chicago (Notes-Bibliography)		Chicago Notes-Bibliography style is the standard for humanities and art-related fields due to its ability to handle detailed citations for a variety of source types, such as images and exhibition catalogs.
Studio Art	Chicago (Notes-Bibliography)		Chicago Notes-Bibliography style is used in Studio Art to properly cite both scholarly sources and creative works, including exhibition catalogs, artist statements, and visual materials, which are central to art historical and studio practice.
Biology	CSE	Vancouver	Council of Science Editors (CSE) style is widely accepted in biology and life sciences for its precision in scientific referencing. Vancouver style is also commonly used in biological sciences, particularly in health-related fields and when a numbered citation system is preferred for scientific clarity.
Chemistry	ACS		American Chemical Society (ACS) style is the definitive citation style for chemistry and related disciplines due to its specificity for chemical data and formats.
Communication	APA	MLA	American Psychological Association (APA) style is standard due to its emphasis on clarity, research-based arguments, and standardization in social sciences, and is particularly suited for quantitative and qualitative research in mass communication, interpersonal communication, and media studies. Modern Language Association (MLA) style is sometimes used in communication fields that focus on rhetorical criticism, media analysis, and cultural studies.
History	Chicago (Notes-Bibliography)	Turabian	Chicago Notes-Bibliography style is preferred due to its detailed source documentation and ability to accommodate a wide range of primary and secondary sources, and is particularly useful in historical research, where extensive footnotes and bibliographies provide clarity and traceability of sources. Turabian is a variation of Chicago style specifically adapted for student research papers and theses in history.
English	MLA	Chicago (Notes-Bibliography)	Modern Language Association (MLA) style is the standard for literature and language studies, offering clear guidelines for citing literary works and textual analysis. Chicago Notes-Bibliography style is occasionally used for English studies, particularly when referencing historical or archival sources.
Mathematics	AMS	Chicago (Author-Date)	American Mathematical Society (AMS) style is the default for mathematics, providing clear formats for formulas, equations, and numerical references. Chicago's Author-Date style is occasionally used for interdisciplinary research involving mathematics.

Political Science	APA	Chicago (Author-Date) / APSA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is widely used in political science for citing social science research, policy documents, and empirical studies across diverse topics.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is also common, especially for quantitative or interdisciplinary research. While less common, American Political Science Association (APSA) style, tailored for political science, may be preferred for some publications or scholars, particularly for political science-specific sources.</p>
Public Administration	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is commonly used in public administration for its emphasis on clarity and up-to-date referencing in policy and social science research.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is also frequently used, particularly for policy analysis, management theory, and interdisciplinary public administration research.</p>
Criminal Justice	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is used in criminal justice research due to its emphasis on empirical studies, policy analysis, and forensic psychology.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is also used, particularly for theoretical, historical, or interdisciplinary criminal justice research.</p>
Business			
Business Administration	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is commonly used in business research due to its structured referencing, which is essential for citing reports, case studies, and articles.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is occasionally used for business and economic analyses, especially in management research.</p>
Finance	APA	Chicago (Author-Date) / Harvard	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is favored for finance research, especially when citing business reports, case studies, and economic journals.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is used for finance research that involves quantitative economic modeling, historical financial analysis, or interdisciplinary approaches. Harvard Referencing style is still prevalent in international finance, banking research, and global financial publications, making it a useful style for students engaging with international financial literature and research.</p>
Accountancy	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is widely used in accounting research for its clarity and focus on current sources.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is occasionally used for quantitative and interdisciplinary research in accounting.</p>
Human Resource Development	APA		<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is predominantly used in human resource development for its structured and easy-to-read format, which is ideal for research in social sciences. It is the standard for research-heavy doctoral work in human resource development, including organizational behavior and workplace studies.</p>
Marketing	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is the default for marketing research due to its emphasis on clarity and structure in citing contemporary studies.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is sometimes used for market analysis and consumer behavior research that involves quantitative methods.</p>

Computer Science	IEEE	ACM	<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is the definitive standard for computer science research, particularly for technical and engineering-related topics.</p> <p>Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) style is widely used in academic papers published in computer science journals.</p>
Cybersecurity and Data Analytics	IEEE	APA	<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is frequently used in cybersecurity research due to its emphasis on technical documentation and standards.</p> <p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is occasionally used for interdisciplinary work that combines technical and behavioral research.</p>
Industrial Management	APA	Chicago (Author-Date)	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is preferred for management research, particularly when addressing organizational structures, leadership strategies, and human resources.</p> <p>Chicago Author-Date style is also commonly used in management and business research, especially for strategic management, operations management, and interdisciplinary studies.</p>
Education and Psychology			
Curriculum and Instruction	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is the dominant style in education for its clarity and focus on recent research and studies in teaching methods.
Reading	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is the preferred style for citing research on literacy, reading interventions, and pedagogical strategies.
Special Education	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is the standard for special education due to its emphasis on evidence-based practices and research in educational psychology.
Educational Leadership	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is relied upon in educational leadership research for citing studies on organizational behavior, policy, and leadership theories in educational settings.
School Improvement	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is the primary style for documenting research and case studies in school improvement at the doctorate level.
Clinical Psychology	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is the default style in psychology for its structured approach to presenting empirical research and its focus on date-oriented citations. It is used in the Ph.D. program in clinical psychology for its comprehensive guidelines on citing experimental studies and peer-reviewed research.
Clinical Mental Health Counseling	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is standard in counseling research for its focus on psychological and behavioral studies.
School Counseling	APA		American Psychological Association (APA) style is used in school counseling for its emphasis on evidence-based practices and research related to student mental health and academic outcomes.
Engineering			

Civil Engineering	IEEE	ASCE	<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is typically relied upon in civil engineering research for its detailed formatting of technical and numerical data.</p> <p>American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) style is often used specifically for civil engineering journal publications and professional documentation.</p>
Engineering Leadership	APA	IEEE	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is preferred for leadership and management research in engineering, particularly in organizational behavior, strategic planning, and human factors research.</p> <p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is occasionally used when the research involves technical content, systems engineering, and technological innovation.</p>
Electrical Engineering	IEEE		<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is the standard for electrical engineering, particularly for technical papers, research articles, and conference proceedings.</p>
Mechanical Engineering	IEEE	ASME	<p>Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) style is primarily used in mechanical engineering research for its structured approach to documenting technical research and data.</p> <p>American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) style is often used in professional mechanical engineering publications.</p>
Health Professions			
Public Health	AMA	APA	<p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is the standard for public health research due to its specificity in medical and health-related citation formats.</p> <p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is sometimes used for interdisciplinary research in public health, particularly for studies involving behavioral or social sciences.</p>
Health Sciences	AMA	APA	<p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is widely used in health sciences for clinical and scientific research, particularly in medically-focused areas.</p> <p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is also very common across health sciences, especially in behavioral health, health administration, and interdisciplinary health research.</p>
Kinesiology	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is standard for kinesiology due to its emphasis on research in exercise science and sports psychology.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is used when kinesiology research involves medical or clinical aspects.</p>
Health Administration	APA		<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is the most suitable for health administration research, focusing on organizational behavior and policy studies.</p>
Occupational Therapy	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is frequently used in occupational therapy research for its behavioral science focus.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is occasionally used for research in medical or clinical therapy contexts.</p>

Speech-Language Pathology	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is standard for behavioral, cognitive, and educational research in speech-language pathology.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is also used when research involves clinical and medical studies, including neurological and swallowing disorders.</p>
Nursing			
Nursing (MSN)	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is commonly used in nursing research to cite evidence-based practices and interdisciplinary studies.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is also common in nursing, particularly for research that includes clinical trials or medical data.</p>
Nursing (Ph.D.)	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is the most appropriate style for nursing Ph.D. research, given its focus on structured, evidence-based methodologies.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is used for doctoral-level work when publishing in medical or clinically focused journals.</p>
Nursing Practice (DNP)	APA	AMA	<p>American Psychological Association (APA) style is widely used in Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs for its emphasis on applied research in nursing practice and evidence-based practice projects.</p> <p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is also commonly used, particularly for DNP projects focused on clinical practice, quality improvement, and medical aspects of nursing care.</p>
Pharmacy			
Pharmacy	AMA	Vancouver	<p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is the standard citation style for pharmacy and medical sciences due to its focus on clinical research and drug-related studies.</p> <p>Vancouver style is also commonly used in pharmacy, particularly for clinical drug research, pharmacology studies, and evidence-based practice projects.</p>
Medicine			
Medicine	AMA	Vancouver	<p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is the most commonly used style in medicine due to its emphasis on clinical research, medical terminology, and structured citation formats.</p> <p>Vancouver style is also widely used in medical research, particularly for systematic reviews, evidence-based medicine, and when a numbered citation system is preferred.</p>
Biotechnology	AMA	CSE / ACS	<p>American Medical Association (AMA) style is frequently used in biotechnology research due to its alignment with medical and biological sciences, particularly in areas with clinical or medical applications.</p> <p>Council of Science Editors (CSE) style is also very commonly used, especially for research related to genetics, molecular biology, and broader life sciences aspects of biotechnology.</p> <p>However, American Chemical Society (ACS) style is also widely used in biotechnology research involving biochemical processes, drug development, and bioengineering.</p>