

CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE QUOTING THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE QUOTING THESES AND DISSERTATIONS REPRESENTS A CRITICAL ASPECT OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION. NAVIGATING ITS SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ENSURES THAT YOUR RESEARCH IS PRESENTED WITH PRECISION, CLARITY, AND ADHERENCE TO ESTABLISHED ACADEMIC STANDARDS. THIS COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE DELVES INTO THE NUANCES OF INCORPORATING SOURCE MATERIAL INTO YOUR ACADEMIC WORK, FOCUSING ON THE INTRICATE RULES GOVERNING THE CITATION OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS WITHIN THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE (CMOS). WE WILL EXPLORE VARIOUS CITATION FORMATS, INCLUDING FOOTNOTES, ENDNOTES, AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL ENTRIES, AND ADDRESS COMMON CHALLENGES FACED BY STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS. UNDERSTANDING THESE PRINCIPLES IS PARAMOUNT FOR AVOIDING PLAGIARISM, LENDING CREDIBILITY TO YOUR ARGUMENTS, AND ENABLING READERS TO EASILY LOCATE AND VERIFY YOUR SOURCES.

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THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE (CMOS) IS A WIDELY RESPECTED AND EXTENSIVELY USED STYLE GUIDE IN ACADEMIC PUBLISHING, PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE HUMANITIES AND SOME SOCIAL SCIENCES. IT PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON ALL ASPECTS OF MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION, FROM GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION TO THE INTRICACIES OF CITATION. FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS, MASTERING CMOS IS ESSENTIAL FOR PRODUCING POLISHED, PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS. ITS EMPHASIS ON CLEAR, CONSISTENT FORMATTING HELPS TO ENSURE THAT READERS CAN EASILY FOLLOW THE AUTHOR'S ARGUMENTS AND LOCATE THE SOURCES UPON WHICH THOSE ARGUMENTS ARE BUILT.

CMOS OFFERS TWO PRIMARY CITATION SYSTEMS: THE NOTES-BIBLIOGRAPHY SYSTEM AND THE AUTHOR-DATE SYSTEM. FOR THESES AND DISSERTATIONS, THE NOTES-BIBLIOGRAPHY SYSTEM IS MORE COMMONLY EMPLOYED, UTILIZING FOOTNOTES OR ENDNOTES FOR IN-TEXT CITATIONS AND A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY AT THE END OF THE WORK. THIS SYSTEM ALLOWS FOR DETAILED EXPLANATIONS AND SOURCE INFORMATION TO BE PRESENTED WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE FLOW OF THE MAIN TEXT, WHICH IS PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL IN LENGTHY ACADEMIC PAPERS LIKE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS.

WHY CITING THESES AND DISSERTATIONS MATTERS

THESES AND DISSERTATIONS REPRESENT THE PINNACLE OF ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY GRADUATE STUDENTS. THEY OFTEN CONTAIN UNIQUE DATA, METHODOLOGIES, AND ANALYSES THAT MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE. PROPERLY CITING THESE WORKS IS CRUCIAL FOR SEVERAL REASONS. FIRSTLY, IT ACKNOWLEDGES THE INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AUTHORS AND PREVENTS PLAGIARISM, A SERIOUS ACADEMIC OFFENSE. SECONDLY, IT PROVIDES A ROADMAP FOR YOUR READERS, ALLOWING THEM TO DELVE DEEPER INTO THE ORIGINAL RESEARCH THAT INFORMS YOUR OWN WORK.

MOREOVER, THESES AND DISSERTATIONS CAN BE INVALUABLE SOURCES FOR RESEARCHERS IN SPECIALIZED FIELDS. THEY OFTEN COVER NICHE TOPICS WITH A DEPTH OF DETAIL THAT JOURNAL ARTICLES MAY NOT ACCOMMODATE. BY CITING THEM

ACCURATELY, YOU ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE SCHOLARLY CONVERSATION AND ENABLING OTHERS TO BUILD UPON THE EXISTING BODY OF KNOWLEDGE. THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK TO ENSURE THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECOGNIZED AND APPROPRIATELY ATTRIBUTED.

KEY COMPONENTS OF A CHICAGO-STYLE CITATION FOR THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU ARE USING FOOTNOTES, ENDNOTES, OR A BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRY, A COMPLETE CITATION FOR A THESIS OR DISSERTATION TYPICALLY INCLUDES SEVERAL CORE PIECES OF INFORMATION. THESE COMPONENTS ENSURE THAT THE SOURCE IS IDENTIFIABLE AND RETRIEVABLE. MISSING EVEN ONE ELEMENT CAN HINDER A READER'S ABILITY TO FIND THE ORIGINAL WORK.

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS INCLUDE:

- AUTHOR'S FULL NAME
- TITLE OF THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION (ITALICIZED)
- TYPE OF DEGREE (E.G., PH.D. DISSERTATION, MASTER'S THESIS)
- NAME OF THE INSTITUTION WHERE THE DEGREE WAS AWARDED
- YEAR OF COMPLETION OR AWARD
- FOR UNPUBLISHED WORKS, INFORMATION ABOUT ITS AVAILABILITY (E.G., HELD BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY)
- FOR PUBLISHED OR ONLINE WORKS, RELEVANT PUBLICATION DETAILS (E.G., DATABASE NAME, URL)

FOOTNOTES AND ENDNOTES: IN-TEXT CITATIONS

IN THE NOTES-BIBLIOGRAPHY SYSTEM OF CMOS, FOOTNOTES (APPEARING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE) OR ENDNOTES (APPEARING AT THE END OF THE CHAPTER OR DOCUMENT) ARE USED TO CITE SOURCES WITHIN THE TEXT. THE FIRST TIME A SOURCE IS CITED, THE NOTE SHOULD BE FULL AND COMPLETE. SUBSEQUENT CITATIONS OF THE SAME SOURCE CAN BE SHORTENED, TYPICALLY INCLUDING THE AUTHOR'S LAST NAME, A SHORTENED VERSION OF THE TITLE, AND THE PAGE NUMBER.

FOR A FIRST-TIME CITATION OF A THESIS OR DISSERTATION IN A FOOTNOTE OR ENDNOTE, THE FORMAT GENERALLY FOLLOWS THIS PATTERN:

FIRST NAME LAST NAME, "TITLE OF THESIS OR DISSERTATION" (DEGREE TYPE, INSTITUTION, YEAR OF PUBLICATION), PAGE NUMBER.

FOR EXAMPLE:

1. ELEANOR VANCE, "THE EVOLUTION OF POST-WAR AMERICAN POETRY" (PH.D. DISSERTATION, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 2018), 45.

SUBSEQUENT CITATIONS WOULD BE ABBREVIATED:

2. VANCE, "POST-WAR AMERICAN POETRY," 112.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL ENTRIES: LISTING YOUR SOURCES

THE BIBLIOGRAPHY, LOCATED AT THE END OF YOUR WORK, PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL THE SOURCES YOU HAVE CITED. EACH ENTRY IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY SHOULD BE FORMATTED CONSISTENTLY ACCORDING TO CMOS GUIDELINES. THE GOAL OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHY IS TO PROVIDE COMPLETE PUBLICATION INFORMATION FOR EVERY SOURCE USED, ALLOWING READERS TO EASILY TRACK DOWN THE ORIGINAL MATERIAL.

THE BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRY FOR A THESIS OR DISSERTATION TYPICALLY INCLUDES:

- LAST NAME, FIRST NAME. "TITLE OF THESIS OR DISSERTATION." DEGREE TYPE, INSTITUTION, YEAR OF PUBLICATION.

FOR EXAMPLE:

VANCE, ELEANOR. "THE EVOLUTION OF POST-WAR AMERICAN POETRY." PH.D. DISSERTATION, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, 2018.

IF THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED OR IS ACCESSIBLE ONLINE, ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE REQUIRED. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN LATER SECTIONS.

COMMON VARIATIONS AND SPECIFIC SCENARIOS

WHILE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF CITING THESES AND DISSERTATIONS REMAIN CONSISTENT, CERTAIN SITUATIONS REQUIRE SPECIFIC ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STANDARD CMOS FORMAT. THESE VARIATIONS ENSURE ACCURACY AND CLARITY WHEN DEALING WITH LESS COMMON SOURCE TYPES OR PUBLICATION STATUSES.

CITING UNPUBLISHED THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

WHEN A THESIS OR DISSERTATION HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY PUBLISHED AND IS ONLY AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ISSUING INSTITUTION, ITS CITATION NEEDS TO REFLECT THIS. THE KEY IS TO CLEARLY INDICATE THAT IT IS AN UNPUBLISHED WORK AND WHERE IT CAN BE ACCESSED.

FOR UNPUBLISHED WORKS, THE NOTE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRIES WOULD LOOK VERY SIMILAR TO THE EXAMPLES PROVIDED EARLIER, EMPHASIZING THE DEGREE TYPE AND INSTITUTION. YOU MIGHT ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT ITS ARCHIVAL LOCATION IF IT'S NOT UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY'S GENERAL COLLECTION.

EXAMPLE (BIBLIOGRAPHY):

SMITH, JOHN. "A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF URBAN PLANNING IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK." MASTER'S THESIS, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 2020.

CITING ONLINE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

THE PROLIFERATION OF DIGITAL ARCHIVES MEANS THAT MANY THESES AND DISSERTATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE. WHEN CITING AN ONLINE VERSION, YOU NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT ALLOWS READERS TO ACCESS IT DIGITALLY.

IF THE THESIS OR DISSERTATION IS AVAILABLE ON A UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY OR A DEDICATED ACADEMIC DATABASE, THE CITATION SHOULD INCLUDE THE URL OR DOI (DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIER) IF AVAILABLE.

EXAMPLE (NOTE):

3. MARIA GARCIA, "THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON POLITICAL DISCOURSE" (PH.D. DISSERTATION, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 2021), [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1234/STANFORD.2021.GARCIA](https://doi.org/10.1234/STANFORD.2021.GARCIA).

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CITING THESES AND DISSERTATIONS FROM DISSERTATIONS & THESES DATABASES

MANY UNIVERSITIES SUBSCRIBE TO LARGE DATABASES THAT ARCHIVE A VAST NUMBER OF DISSERTATIONS AND THESES, SUCH AS PROQUEST DISSERTATIONS & THESES GLOBAL. WHEN CITING A SOURCE FOUND THROUGH SUCH A DATABASE, YOU SHOULD INCLUDE THE DATABASE NAME AND, IF POSSIBLE, THE ACCESSION NUMBER OR UNIQUE IDENTIFIER.

EXAMPLE (NOTE):

4. DAVID LEE, "RENAISSANCE ART PATRONAGE IN FLORENCE" (PH.D. DISSERTATION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, 2019), PROQUEST DISSERTATIONS & THESES GLOBAL (3456789).

EXAMPLE (BIBLIOGRAPHY):

LEE, DAVID. "RENAISSANCE ART PATRONAGE IN FLORENCE." PH.D. DISSERTATION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, 2019. PROQUEST DISSERTATIONS & THESES GLOBAL (3456789).

HANDLING MULTIPLE AUTHORS AND EDITORS

WHILE IT'S RARE FOR A THESIS OR DISSERTATION TO HAVE MULTIPLE AUTHORS, IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE. THE PRINCIPLES FOR CITING MULTIPLE AUTHORS OR EDITORS IN CMOS APPLY HERE AS THEY DO TO OTHER TYPES OF SOURCES.

FOR TWO AUTHORS, LIST BOTH NAMES IN THE CITATION. FOR THREE OR MORE AUTHORS, LIST ONLY THE FIRST AUTHOR FOLLOWED BY "ET AL." (AND OTHERS) IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY. IN FOOTNOTES/ENDNOTES, YOU GENERALLY LIST ALL AUTHORS FOR THE FIRST NOTE, AND THEN USE "ET AL." FOR SUBSEQUENT NOTES IF THERE ARE MORE THAN TWO AUTHORS.

ENSURING ACCURACY AND CONSISTENCY IN CITATIONS

ACCURACY AND CONSISTENCY ARE THE CORNERSTONES OF EFFECTIVE ACADEMIC CITATION. INCONSISTENT OR INACCURATE CITATIONS CAN UNDERMINE THE CREDIBILITY OF YOUR ENTIRE RESEARCH PROJECT. IT IS CRUCIAL TO DOUBLE-CHECK EVERY DETAIL OF EACH CITATION AGAINST THE ORIGINAL SOURCE.

HERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS TO ENSURE ACCURACY:

- VERIFY AUTHOR NAMES, TITLES, INSTITUTION NAMES, AND DATES.
- ENSURE CORRECT PUNCTUATION (COMMAS, PERIODS, COLONS, SEMICOLONS).
- CHECK FOR PROPER USE OF ITALICS FOR TITLES.
- CONFIRM PAGE NUMBERS ARE ACCURATE FOR DIRECT QUOTATIONS.
- MAINTAIN A UNIFORM STYLE THROUGHOUT YOUR DOCUMENT.
- WHEN IN DOUBT, CONSULT THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE.

CONSISTENCY EXTENDS BEYOND THE FORMAT OF INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS; IT ALSO APPLIES TO THE OVERALL PRESENTATION. ALL NOTES SHOULD BE FORMATTED IDENTICALLY, AND ALL BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRIES SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME STRUCTURE. THIS METICULOUS ATTENTION TO DETAIL DEMONSTRATES YOUR COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARLY RIGOR.

THE ROLE OF STYLE GUIDES IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

STYLE GUIDES LIKE THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE SERVE A VITAL ROLE IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH BY ESTABLISHING A COMMON LANGUAGE AND FRAMEWORK FOR PRESENTING SCHOLARLY WORK. THEY ARE NOT ARBITRARY RULES; RATHER, THEY ARE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE CLARITY, AVOID AMBIGUITY, AND FACILITATE THE DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE.

By adhering to a recognized style guide, you signal that you are a member of the academic community and understand its conventions. This adherence allows your readers to focus on the content of your research rather than being distracted by inconsistent formatting or citation practices. For theses and dissertations, which are often reviewed by committees, following the specified style guide is a non-negotiable requirement.

BEST PRACTICES FOR QUOTING AND PARAPHRASING

When incorporating information from a thesis or dissertation into your own work, whether through direct quotation or paraphrasing, it is essential to do so ethically and effectively. The Chicago Manual of Style provides guidance on how to integrate source material smoothly and accurately.

For direct quotations, ensure that they are exact and enclosed in quotation marks. If the quotation is long (typically more than four lines of text), it should be set off as a block quotation, indented from the left margin. Always follow a direct quotation with a citation that includes the page number from the source.

Paraphrasing involves restating the author's ideas in your own words. Even when paraphrasing, you must still cite the original source. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism. Effective paraphrasing requires understanding the original text thoroughly and then explaining it in a manner that reflects your own comprehension and voice, while still giving credit to the original author.

FAQ SECTION:

Q: WHAT IS THE PRIMARY CITATION SYSTEM USED FOR THESES AND DISSERTATIONS IN THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE?

A: The Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS) primarily recommends the notes-bibliography system for theses and dissertations. This system uses footnotes or endnotes for in-text citations and a comprehensive bibliography at the end of the document.

Q: HOW DO I CITE AN UNPUBLISHED THESIS OR DISSERTATION USING CMOS?

A: For an unpublished thesis or dissertation, the citation in both notes and bibliography typically includes the author's full name, the italicized title, the type of degree (e.g., Ph.D. dissertation), the institution, and the year of award. For example, in a bibliography: Last Name, First Name. "Title of Thesis or Dissertation." Degree Type, Institution, Year.

Q: WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I INCLUDE WHEN CITING AN ONLINE THESIS OR DISSERTATION WITH CMOS?

A: When citing an online thesis or dissertation, include all standard information plus the URL or DOI (Digital Object Identifier) if available, allowing readers to access the digital version. The note or bibliography entry would conclude with the web address.

Q: HOW DOES THE CITATION FOR A THESIS OR DISSERTATION FOUND IN A DATABASE LIKE PROQUEST DIFFER IN CMOS?

A: If citing a thesis or dissertation from a database such as ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global, you should include the database name and, if provided, the accession number or unique identifier within the citation.

Q: SHOULD I ITALICIZE THE TITLE OF A THESIS OR DISSERTATION IN CMOS CITATIONS?

A: YES, ACCORDING TO THE CHICAGO MANUAL OF STYLE, THE TITLES OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS SHOULD BE ITALICIZED IN BOTH NOTES AND BIBLIOGRAPHY ENTRIES.

Q: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FOOTNOTE AND AN ENDNOTE IN CMOS?

A: BOTH FOOTNOTES AND ENDNOTES SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE IN-TEXT CITATIONS. FOOTNOTES APPEAR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE WHERE THE CITATION IS MADE, WHILE ENDNOTES ARE COMPILED AT THE END OF A CHAPTER OR THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. THE CHOICE BETWEEN THEM IS OFTEN DETERMINED BY INSTITUTIONAL GUIDELINES OR PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

Q: HOW DO I HANDLE CITING THE SAME THESIS OR DISSERTATION MULTIPLE TIMES IN MY WORK USING CMOS NOTES?

A: FOR SUBSEQUENT CITATIONS OF THE SAME SOURCE WITHIN THE NOTES, YOU CAN USE A SHORTENED FORM. THIS TYPICALLY INCLUDES THE AUTHOR'S LAST NAME, A SHORTENED VERSION OF THE TITLE, AND THE PAGE NUMBER. FOR EXAMPLE: AUTHOR LAST NAME, "SHORTENED TITLE," PAGE NUMBER.

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