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## Citing Sources: MLA Style

This handout is intended as a short guide for citing sources using MLA style. See the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6<sup>th</sup> edition for a complete guide. It is available in the Quick Reference section of the Ablah Library located beside the reference desk. The call number is PE 1478 .M57 2003.

The key to citing is to give the reader enough information to locate the source. Citations for different types of sources differ because the pieces of information needed to find those sources are different. Some common types of sources are listed below with directions on citing them along with examples. Consistency is essential.

### Journal Article

Author(s). "Title of Article." Journal Title Volume(Year of Publication): Page Numbers.

Example:

Thomaz, C.E., D.F. Gillies, and R.Q. Feitosa. "Using Mixture Covariance Matrices to Improve Face and Facial Expression Recognitions." Pattern Recognition Letters 24 (2003): 2159-65.

### Magazine Article

Author(s). "Title of Article." Journal Title Date of Publication: Page Numbers.

Examples:

Kukula, E.P. and S.J. Elliott. "Evaluation of a Facial Recognition Algorithm Across Three Illumination Conditions." IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Magazine Sep. 2004: 19-23.

Wilks, N. "On the Case [Biometrics Recognition - War Against Crime]." Professional Engineering Mar. 2005: 24-5.

### Book

Author. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Example:

Billo, E. Joseph. Excel for Scientists and Engineers: Numerical Methods. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Interscience, 2007.

### **Entry in an Encyclopedia or Handbook**

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Encyclopedia or Handbook. Ed. Editor(s). Number of Volumes. Place of Publication: Publisher, Date of Publication.

Example:

Dincer, Ibrahim and Adnan Midilli. "Green Energy." Encyclopedia of Energy Engineering and Technology. Ed. Barney L. Capehart. 3 vols. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2007.

### **Published Conference Article**

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Conference Proceedings. Title, Place, and Date of Conference (if not in proceedings title), Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication, Page Numbers.

Example:

Ozugurlu, E., J.N. Reinaud, and D.G. Dritschel. "Merger Criterion for Two Vortices in 3D Quasi-geostrophic Flow." International Conference on Numerical Analysis and Applied Mathematics. Corfu, Greece, 16-20 Sep. 2007. Melville, NY: American Institute of Physics, 2007.

### **Web Page**

Title of Site. Ed. Editor of Site. Date of Publication or Last Update. Name of Sponsoring Organization. Date retrieved <URL>.

Example:

Ethical Use of Engineering Information Videos. Ed. Baer, William. 11 Oct., 2007. 24 Apr., 2008 <[http://library.wichita.edu/aveng/Ethics\\_vid/Ethics.htm](http://library.wichita.edu/aveng/Ethics_vid/Ethics.htm)>.

### **Sources That Have Both Print and Online Formats; Retrieved Online**

Cite the same way as print sources of the same type, but add retrieval information including date retrieved and URL of database used.

Example:

Keyes, R.W. "Challenges for Quantum Computing with Solid-State Devices." Computer Jan. 2005: 65-69. 25 Apr. 2008, <<http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/search>>.