

Harvard Referencing Style Guide

Comprehensive guide to the Harvard referencing style, including expanded explanations and examples for common source types.

In-Text Citations: In the Harvard style, in-text citations typically include the author's last name and the publication year in parentheses within the text of your document. If you are directly quoting, include the page number as well.

One author: According to Smith (2021), "quote" (p. 45).

Two authors: Several studies have shown a positive correlation between exercise and mental health (Johnson & Anderson, 2019).

Three or more authors: The study conducted by Brown et al. (2020) supports this hypothesis.

Reference List: The reference list appears at the end of your document, listing all the sources cited in your work. The entries should be arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name. Here are the basic formats for different source types:

Books: Author(s) Last Name, Initial(s). (Year). Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example: Smith, J. D. (2021). The Art of Programming. Boston, MA: XYZ Publishers.

Journal Articles: Author(s) Last Name, Initial(s). (Year). Title of Article. Title of Journal, Volume(Issue), Page Range.

Example: Johnson, L., & Anderson, M. (2019). The Impact of Exercise on Mental Health. *Journal of Psychology*, 45(2), 123-145.

Websites: Author(s) Last Name, Initial(s) or Organization Name. (Year). Title of Web Page or Document. Site Name. URL (accessed date).

Example: World Health Organization. (2022). COVID-19 Guidelines. Retrieved from <https://www.who.int/covid19/guidelines> (accessed May 23, 2023).

Edited Books: Editor(s) Last Name, Initial(s) (Ed. or Eds.). (Year). Title of Book. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example: Anderson, M. K. (Ed.). (2020). Perspectives on Software Engineering. New York, NY: ABC Publishers.

Conference Papers: Author(s) Last Name, Initial(s). (Year). Title of Paper. In Editor(s) Last Name, Initial(s) (Eds.), Title of Conference Proceedings (Page Range). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example: Brown, R. M., Jones, S. A., & Davis, K. L. (2021). Agile Project Management in Software Development. In M. Johnson (Ed.), Proceedings of the International Conference on Software Engineering (pp. 123-145). London, UK: XYZ Publishers.

Remember to adapt the formats based on the specific details of your sources, such as multiple authors, no author listed, edition numbers, and electronic sources. Additionally, there may be variations in specific requirements among institutions, so it's important to consult your institution's style guide or supervisor for any specific guidelines they may have.

For further guidance and more complex source types, consider referring to official Harvard referencing style guides such as "Harvard Referencing Guide" published by the University of Western Australia or the "Cite Them Right" book by Richard Pears and Graham Shields. These resources provide comprehensive examples and explanations for various source types.