



Citing Information in the ACS Style

Academic disciplines employ different ways of citing sources used in scholarly research. The field of chemistry utilizes the formatting style of the American Chemical Society (ACS). The citation page is most often titled References and the entries must be alphabetized.

Below are examples of how to cite the most used types of resources. **Keep in mind your entries need to be double-spaced and have a hanging indent.**

Other examples may be found by consulting:

- **ACS Style Guide: Effective Communication of Scientific Information** (REF QD 8.5 .A25)
- **ACS publications** www.pubs.acs.org

Citing Books. . .

Print format for books without editors:

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. *Book Title*, Edition Number; Series Information (if any);
Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination.

Example:

Yorifuji, B. *Wonderful Life with the Elements: The Periodic Table Personified*, No Starch Press: San Francisco, CA, 2012; pp 145-158.

Print format for books with editors:

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Chapter Title. In *Book Title*, Edition Number; Editor 1; Editor 2, etc.; Eds.; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination.

Example:

Yorifuji, B. *Wonderful Life with the Elements: the Periodic Table Personified*. In *Reviews in Computational Chemistry*; Lipkowitz, K. B., Boyd, D.B., Eds.; VCH: New York, 2012; Vol. 8, pp 206-210.

Online books without editors:

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. *Book Title*, [Online]; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number, Pagination. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:

House, J. E. *Inorganic Chemistry*. [Online]; Elsevier: Amsterdam, 2014; pp 177-180.
http://legacy.netlibrary.com/ebook_info.asp?product_id=91422&piclist=19799,20141,20154
(accessed Nov 7, 2015).

Online books with editors:

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Chapter Title. In *Book Title*, [Online]; Editor 1, Editor 2, etc.,
Eds.; Series Information (if any); Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Volume Number,
Pagination. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:

Oleksyn, B.J.; Stadnicka, K.; Sliwinski, J. Structural Chemistry of Enamines: A Statistical
Approach. In *The Chemistry of Enamines*. [Online]; Rappoport, Z., Ed.; The Chemistry of
Functional Groups; Patai, S., Rappoport, Z., Series Eds.; Wiley & Sons: New York, 2013;
Chapter 2, pp 87-218. [http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-
bin/summary/109560980/SUMMARY](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/summary/109560980/SUMMARY) (accessed April 24, 2014).

Citing Journals. . .**Electronic articles retrieved from a database provider:**

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Title of Article. *Journal Abbreviation* [Online] **Year**, *Volume*,
Article number or other identifying information. Database Provider URL of top page
(accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:

McDowell, W. Neon and Streon: Opportunities and Challenges for the Aquatic Sciences. *Early
Science and Medicine* [Online] **2014**, 7. JSTOR <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/679489>
(accessed May 2, 2015).

Citing Meetings and Conferences. . .

Author 1; Author 2; Author 3; etc. Title of Presentation. In *Title of the Collected Work*, Proceedings
of the Name of the Meeting, Location of Meeting, Date of Meeting; Editor 1; Editor 2; etc.,
Eds.; Publisher: Place of Publication, Year; Abstract Number, Pagination.

Example:

Christensen S.; Oppacher F. An Analysis of Koza's Computational Effort Statistic for Genetic
Programming. In *Genetic Programming, EuroGP 2012: Proceedings of the 5th European
Conference on Genetic Programming*, Kinsdale, Ireland, Apr 3-5, 2012; Foster J. A., Lutton
E., Eds.; Springer: Berlin, 2012; pp 182-191.

Citing Government Publications. . .

Author 1; Author 2; etc. Chapter Title. *Document Title*; Government Publication Number;
Publishing Agency: Place of Publication, Year; Pagination.

Example:

Gebhardt, S.E.; Thomas, R.G. *Nutritive Value of Foods*; Home and Garden Bulletin No. 72; U.S.
Department of Agriculture, U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington, DC, 2014; pp
56-67.

Citing Material Safety Data Sheets. . .

Title; MSDS Number; Manufacturing Company: Location of Company, Date.

Example:

Titanium Dioxide; MSDS No. T3627; Mallinckrodt Baker: Phillipsburg, NJ, Nov 12, 2013.

Citing Theses. . .

Author, Title of Thesis. Level of Thesis, Degree-Granting University, Location of University, Date of Completion

Example:

Mackel, H. Capturing the Spectra of Silicon Solar Cells. PhD. Thesis, The Australian National University, December 2014.

Citing Patents. . .

Patent Owner 1; Patent Owner 2; etc. Title of Patent. Patent Number, Date.

Example:

Sheem, S.K. Low-Cost Fiber Optic Pressure Sensor. U.S. Patent 6,738,537, May 18, 2004.

Citing Technical Reports and Bulletins. . .

Author 1; Author 2; etc. *Title of Report or Bulletin*; Technical Report or Bulletin Number; Publisher: Place of Publication, Date; Pagination.

Example:

Moran, B.M. *Modeling of the Hydrologic Transport of Mercury*; Technical Report for Lockheed Martin Energy Systems; Bethesda, MD, September 2013.

Citing Personal Communications. . .

Author. Affiliation, City, State. Phrase describing the material, Year.

Example:

Henshcer, L.X. University of Illinois, Urbana, IL. Personal communication, 2015.

Citing Websites. . .

Author (if any). Title of Site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year), other information (if any.)

Example:

Northern Illinois University. Department of Biochemistry. <http://www.chembio.niu.edu> (accessed Nov 7, 2014).

Parenthetical Documentation. . .

Example: Fluoridated water as well as various fluoride products such as toothpaste provide fluoride ions necessary for remineralization (Rakita, 2004).