MLA Bibliographic Citation Style Guide

MLA (Modern Language Association) style is the citation style that is widely used by academic institutions, including UNM-Los Alamos. Below are patterns and actual examples for citing common information formats.

The patterns and examples are based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition), the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (2nd edition) and [http://www.mla.org/style](http://www.mla.org/style). For more detailed information on citing these formats as well as other formats not included here, please consult one of the sources mentioned above, all of which are available at the UNM-Los Alamos Library. Please ask a librarian for assistance in accessing these resources.

**Book (Print)**

**Pattern:**

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. [*Title of book*. [Place of publication]: [Publisher], [Publication year]. Print.

**Example:**


**Book (Online)**

**Pattern:**

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. [*Title of book*. [Place of publication]: [Publisher], [Publication year]. [*Title of database*. Web. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

**Example:**

Book Chapter (Print)

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. "[Title of chapter/essay]." [Title of book]. [Publication year]. [Page number starts]-[ends]. Print.

Example:


Book Chapter (Online)

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. "[Title of chapter/essay]." [Title of book]. [Publication year]. [Page number starts]-[ends]. [Title of database]. Web. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Example:


Reference Source – more than one volume (Print)

Pattern:

[Editor last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. [Title of Reference Source]. [___ ed]. [total number of vols]. [Place of publication]: [Name of publisher], [year of publication]. Print.

Example:

Entry in a Reference Source (Print)

Pattern:

["Title of Article"]. [Title of Reference Source]. [edition (if available)]. [Published Year]. Print.

Example:


Entry in a Reference Source (Online)

Pattern:

[author of entry’s last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. ["Title of Article"]. [Title of Reference Source]. [edition (if available)]. [Published Year]. [Title of database]. Web. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Note: if no author is indicated for the specific entry, begin the citation with the title of the entry.

Example:


Periodical Article (Print)

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. ["Title of article"]. [Title of Periodical] [Volume number].[Issue number] ([Published Year]): [Page number starts]. Print.

Example:

**Sound Recording**

**Pattern:**

[Composer/artist's last name], [first name] [middle initial]. *Title of recording*. [Other significant contributors/performers, separated by commas]. [Name of performing ensemble]. [Name of Conductor/Director]. [Rec. day month year]. [Label], [year of release]. [format of recording].

**Examples:**


**Video Recording**

**Pattern:**

*Title of film*. [Director/Composer/Producer name]. [Principal perf. names]. [Date of production/release]. [Studio/Company name], [date of issue]. [Format of issue].

**Examples:**


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