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 Formatting and Style Guide*, 8th edition, as presented in the [Purdue Owl](https://www/owlguide.com) website. For more detailed information on citing these formats as well as other formats not included here, please consult the Purdue Owl website.

**Book (Print)**

Pattern:

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

Example:


**Book (Online)**

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. *[Title of book]*. [Publisher], [Publication year]. *[Title of database or carrier]*, [URL]. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Example:

**Book Chapter (Print)**

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. "[Title of chapter/essay]." [Title of book], [Publisher], [Publication year], [Page number range].

Example:


**Book Chapter (Online)**

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. "[Title of chapter/essay]." [Title of book], [Publisher], [Publication year], [Page number range]. [Title of database or carrier], [URL]. [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]., [Name of publisher], [year of publication]. [total number of vols].

Example:

**Entry in a Reference Source (Print)**

Pattern:

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

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)], [edited by …], [vol. #], [Publisher], [Published Year], [page number range], [Title of database or carrier], [URL]. [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 range].

Example:

Periodical Article (Online)

Pattern:

[Author last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. "[Title of article]." [Title of Periodical], [Volume number], [Issue number], [Published Year], [Title of database or carrier], [URL]. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Example:


Website

Pattern:

[Author/editor last name], [First name] [Middle initial]. [Title of web site]. [Version number (if available)], [Organization name], [Date of web site (day, month abbrev. Year) if available], [URL]. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Note: if no author is apparent for the web page/site, the first element of the citation will be the title.

Example:

Image (Online)

Pattern:

[Artist last name], [First name]. [Title of work], [Date of creation]. [Copyright holder or name of institution housing the work (if available)]. [Title of database or carrier], [URL]. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Note: if no artist name is available, the first element of the citation will be the title.

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], [Label name], [year of release].

Examples:


Video Recording

Pattern:

[Title of film]. [Director/Composer/Producer name], [Principal perf. names], [Studio/Company name], [date].

Examples:


Video Recording (Online)

Pattern:

[Title of film]. [Director/Producer name], [Principal perf. names], [Studio/Company name], [date]. [Title of database or carrier], [URL]. [Accessed day] [Month abbreviation] [Year].

Example:


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