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 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-Lastname, First Middle. Title of book. Publisher, Publication year.

Example:


Book (Online)

Pattern:

Author-Lastname, First Middle. Title of book. Publisher, Publication year. Title of database or carrier, URL. Accessed day Month abbreviation Year.

Example:

Book Chapter (Print)

Pattern:

Author-Lastname, First Middle. "Title of chapter/essay." Title of book, Publisher, Publication year, Page number range.

Example:


Book Chapter (Online)

Pattern:

Author-Lastname, First Middle. "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-Lastname, First Middle. 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 Entry”. Title of Reference Source. Edition (if available). Published Year.

Example:


Entry in a Reference Source (Online)

Pattern:

Author of entry’s last name, First Middle. “Title of Entry”. 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-Lastname, First Middle. "Title of article." Title of Periodical, Volume number, Issue number, Published Year, Page number range.

Example:

Periodical Article (Online)

Pattern:

Author-Lastname, First Middle. "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-Lastname, First Middle. 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-Lastname, First. 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-Lastname, First Middle. *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: