MLA STYLE, 8TH EDITION

General format of in-text citations is as follows: (last name of author page number); note the absence of punctuation between the two elements. You can also use the author's name in your sentence, immediately followed by the page number in parentheses. Examples of both types of in-text citations are provided throughout this handout.

Example: (Lowery and Burrow 341) *or* Lowery and Burrow (341)

Important notes

- Each in-text citation must have a corresponding entry in the Works Cited section.
- Place the heading Works Cited centered at the top of a new page.
- Arrange the works cited in alphabetical order by author (or any other word placed at the beginning of an entry).
- Reference list entries have a hanging indent of 0.5 in.
- Double-space the works-cited list (within and between entries).
- The date of access of an online source is optional, except when the source's publication date is unavailable or unclear. In that case, include it at the end of the entry. Ex.: Accessed 23 July 2019.
- When providing a URL, make sure you omit the *https://* or *http://*.
- Use standard capitalization for all titles, regardless of source type and even when formatted otherwise at the source.
- If a source has more than one author, use the examples provided under "Book" and then combine with the appropriate document type format.

Book

For e-books: include the database or platform name after the publication date, followed by the DOI or URL (see example below).

One author

Reference	Israel, Martin. *The Spirit of Counsel: Spiritual Perspectives in the Counselling Process.* Hodder & Stoughton, 1983.
In-text citation	(Israel 63) *or* Israel (63)

Two authors

Reference	Chan, Wendy, and Dorothy Chunn. *Racialization, Crime, and Criminal Justice in Canada.* University of Toronto Press, 2014.
In-text citation	(Chan and Chunn 38) *or* Chan and Chunn (121)

Three or more authors

Reference	Cummins, Paul, et al. *Leadership in Sports Coaching: A Social Identity Approach.* Routledge, 2017. *Taylor & Francis eBooks Complete*, doi:10.4324/9781315267005.
In-text citation	(Cummins et al. 102) *or* Cummins et al. (112-113)

Chapter of an edited book

Reference	Katz, Jerrold J. "The Realm of Meaning." *Communication, Language, and Meaning: Psychological perspectives*, edited by George A. Miller, Basic Books, 1973, pp. 36-48.
In-text citation	(Katz 38-39) *or* Katz (38-39)

Translated book

Reference list entries for translated (and otherwise republished) books contain two dates: the date of original publication (placed after the title) and the date of the translated version's publication (placed at the end).

Reference	Foucault, Michel. *The Birth of the Clinic: An Archeology of Medical Perception*. 1963. Translated by Alan Mark Sheridan, Routledge, 2003.
In-text citation	(Foucault 39) *or* Foucault (108)

Journal article

If a DOI is not provided, include the URL after the database name instead.

Reference	Lowery, Patrick G. and John D. Burrow. "Concentrated Disadvantage, Racial Disparities, and Juvenile Institutionalization within the Context of Attribution Theory." *Criminal Justice Studies*, vol. 32, no. 4, 2019, pp. 330-55. *Taylor & Francis Online*, doi:10.1080/1478601X.2019.1660964.
In-text citation	(Lowery and Burrow 334) *or* Lowery and Burrow (336-37)

Reference	Rodgers, Rachel F., et al. "A Network Approach to Eating Disorder Symptomatology: Do Desire for Thinness and Fear of Gaining Weight Play Unique Roles in the Network?" *Body Image*, vol. 27, 2018, pp. 1-9. *Elsevier ScienceDirect Journals Complete*, doi:10.1016/j.bodyim.2018.07.004.
In-text citation	(Rodgers et al. 8) *or* Rodgers et al. (8)

Newspaper or news website article

Use this format for articles from newspapers, news websites, and online magazines (Ottawa Citizen, New York Times, CNN, HuffPost, BBC News, CBC News, Radio-Canada, The Atlantic, Macleans, etc.).

If a source has no page numbers but provides paragraph numbers, use those with the abbreviation "par." in the in-text citation. If a source has no explicit page or paragraph numbers, omit this element (do not count them).

Reference	Nicholson, Katie. "'Barriers' in Canada's Legal System Complicating Fight to End Domestic Violence." *CBC News*, 9 Mar. 2020, www.cbc.ca/news/barriers-in-canada-s-legal-system-complicating-fight-to-end-domestic-violence-1.5488510.
In-text citation	(Nicholson) *or* Nicholson

Thesis or dissertation

Reference	Max, Alyssa. *The Experiences of Individuals with Psychological Disabilities in Attending Counselling: A Phenomenological Investigation*. 2017. University of Ottawa, master's thesis. *uO Research*, ruor.uottawa.ca/bitstream/10393/37047/5/Max_Alyssa_2017_thesis.pdf.
In-text citation	(Max 113) *or* Max (65)

Government publication or report

When a document is published by an agency or organization that is also its author, begin the entry with the title of the document followed by the name of the agency or organization (see first example below).

Reference	*Canada's Black Population: Education, Labour and Resilience*. Statistics Canada, 25 Feb. 2020, www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2020002-eng.pdf?st=v7OEaeqo.
In-text citation	(Statistics Canada 18) *or* Statistics Canada (12)

Reference	Páez Silva, Alejandro. A. *The French Language in Ontario, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures*. Statistics Canada, 16 Oct. 2019, www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2019012-eng.pdf.
In-text citation	(Páez Silva 4) *or* Páez Silva (4)

Webpage (general, institutional, or organizational)

When a webpage is published by an organization or institution that is also its author, begin the entry with the title of the webpage followed by the name of the organization or institution (see first two examples below).

Reference	"Immunization Coverage." *World Health Organization*, 6 Dec. 2019, www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/immunization-coverage.
In-text citation	("Immunization Coverage") *or* According to "Immunization Coverage," most children do not…

Reference	"Services." *Saint Paul University*, www.ustpaul.ca/en/jean-leon-allie-omi-library-services_474_273.htm. Accessed 6 Apr. 2020.
In-text citation	("Services") *or* In "Services," the library states…

Reference	*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. United Nations, 13 Sept. 2007, www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf.
In-text citation	(*Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, 2007) *or* In the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2007), …

Course lecture or PowerPoint slides

Describe the type of source (lecture, handout, PowerPoint presentation, etc.) at the end of the entry.

Reference	Rioux, Jean-François. "History of Conflict Studies." ECS 2191: Introduction to Conflict Studies. 17 Jan. 2020, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. Lecture.
In-text citation	(Rioux) *or* In a lecture on the history of the field of conflict studies, Rioux stated…

Email

The author is the person who sent the email in question. The title is the entirety of the subject line in quotation marks. The recipient's name follows "Received by."

Reference	Day, Jessica. "Re: Ongoing Negotiations." Received by Winston Bishop, 15 May 2020.
In-text citation	(Day) *or* In an email to the author, Day indicated that…

Tweet

Begin the entry with the username followed by the text of the publication in its entirety in quotation marks. If you know the user's real name, include it in parentheses after their username, as in the example below; if you don't, omit it.

In your works-cited list, alphabetize using the first letter of the username.

Reference	@BarackObama (Barack Obama). "55 years ago, when a group of civil rights organizers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge, they carried America with them. Today, let's honor that legacy by continuing their work to protect and exercise our foundational right to vote." *Twitter*, 7 March 2020, 10:18 a.m., twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1236310244508254208.
In-text citation	(@BarackObama) *or* According to @BarackObama, it was…

Facebook post

Facebook posts can be lengthy, so include the first few words or the first sentence of the post in quotation marks in lieu of a title.

Reference	DuVernay, Ava. "It's hard out there for women directors." *Facebook*, 9 April 2017, 1:04 p.m., www.facebook.com/directher/photos/a.298468910163362/1649731215037118.
In-text citation	(DuVernay) *or* DuVernay claims that…

Instagram post

Instagram posts can be lengthy, so include the first few words or the first sentence of the post in quotation marks in lieu of a title.

Reference	bibliospu. "Vous n'avez pas eu le temps de venir voir notre vitrine thématique de la Journée internationale des femmes?" *Instagram*, 9 March 2020, www.instagram.com/p/B9hDC7xplne/.
In-text citation	(bibliospu) *or* On Instagram, bibliospu showed…

YouTube, Vimeo, or other online video

Begin the entry with the name of the creator of the video if it is different from the name of the account (username) that uploaded the video. If the creator of the video is the same person (or account) that uploaded the video, include it only once, after "uploaded by," and begin the entry with the title of the video in quotation marks (see example below).

Reference	"Discover our Indigenous Services!" *YouTube*, uploaded by USPottawa, 29 Aug. 2018, www.youtube.com/watch?v=N76tjKpotlE.
In-text citation	("Discover our Indigenous Services!" 02:35 - 03:10) *or* According to "Discover our Indigenous Services!" (02:35 - 03:10), …

For more information and examples:
- *MLA Handbook, 8ᵗʰ Edition* **(find it at our Citing and Writing Station)**
- **MLA Style website**
- **Citation Style Research Guide on the Library's website**

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