

## MLA STYLE, 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.
- Double-space the works-cited list (within and between entries).
- Arrange the works cited in alphabetical order by author (or any other word placed at the beginning of an entry).
- Works-cited-list entries have a hanging indent of 0.5 in. (*i.e.*, the first line is flush with the left margin; all subsequent lines are indented 0.5 in from the left margin)
- 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 Nov. 2019.
- For online works, a DOI, if provided, is preferred to a URL.
  - If providing a DOI, add *https://doi.org/* before the string of numbers if it is not already there.
  - If providing a URL, omit the *https://* or *http://*.
- If a source has more than one author, use the examples provided under "Book" and then combine with the appropriate document type format.
- If the source has no explicit page numbers:
  - Include paragraph numbers if provided: (Tran, par. 8)
  - Include chapters or section headings if provided: (Tran, ch. 3) *or* (Tran, sec. "Background")
  - Include line numbers if provided: (Tran, line 31)
  - Omit altogether if no other obvious subdivision is provided: (Tran)

### Book

#### One author

Works-cited-list entry	Israel, Martin. <i>The Spirit of Counsel: Spiritual Perspectives in the Counselling Process</i> . Hodder & Stoughton, 1983.
In-text citation	(Israel 63) <i>or</i> Israel (63)

#### Two authors

Works-cited-list entry	Chan, Wendy, and Dorothy Chunn. <i>Racialization, Crime, and Criminal Justice in Canada</i> . University of Toronto Press, 2014.
In-text citation	(Chan and Chunn 38) <i>or</i> Chan and Chunn (121)

#### Three or more authors

Works-cited-list entry	Cummins, Paul, et al. <i>Leadership in Sports Coaching: A Social Identity Approach</i> . Routledge, 2017.
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In-text citation	(Cummins et al. 102) <i>or</i> Cummins et al. (112-113)
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### **E-book**

Works-cited-list entry	Roberson, Cliff. <i>Juvenile Justice: Theory and Practice</i> . Routledge, 2010. <i>Taylor &amp; Francis eBooks Complete</i> , <a href="https://doi.org/10.4324/9781439813775">https://doi.org/10.4324/9781439813775</a> .
In-text citation	(Roberson 97) <i>or</i> Roberson (112-113)

### **Chapter of an edited book**

Works-cited-list entry	Katz, Jerrold J. "The Realm of Meaning." <i>Communication, Language, and Meaning: Psychological perspectives</i> , edited by George A. Miller, Basic Books, 1973, pp. 36-48.
In-text citation	(Katz 38-39) <i>or</i> Katz (38-39)

### **Translated book**

Works-cited-list entry	Foucault, Michel. <i>The Birth of the Clinic: An Archeology of Medical Perception</i> . Translated by Alan Mark Sheridan, Routledge, 2003.
In-text citation	(Foucault 39) <i>or</i> Foucault (108)

### **Journal article**

#### **From a database with a DOI**

Works-cited-list entry	Lowery, Patrick G. and John D. Burrow. "Concentrated Disadvantage, Racial Disparities, and Juvenile Institutionalization within the Context of Attribution Theory." <i>Criminal Justice Studies</i> , vol. 32, no. 4, 2019, pp. 330-55. <i>Taylor &amp; Francis Online</i> , <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2019.1660964">https://doi.org/10.1080/1478601X.2019.1660964</a> .
In-text citation	(Lowery and Burrow 334) <i>or</i> Lowery and Burrow (336-37)

Works-cited-list entry	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?" <i>Body Image</i> , vol. 27, 2018, pp. 1-9. <i>Elsevier ScienceDirect Journals Complete</i> , <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bodyim.2018.07.004">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bodyim.2018.07.004</a> .
In-text citation	(Rodgers et al. 8) <i>or</i> Rodgers et al. (8)

#### **From an online journal's website, no DOI**

Works-cited-list entry	Bonn, Maria, et al. "Innovation Through Collaboration in Humanities Research." <i>Digital Humanities Quarterly</i> , vol. 15, no. 15, 2021, <a href="http://www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/15/4/000597/000597.html">www.digitalhumanities.org/dhq/vol/15/4/000597/000597.html</a> .
In-text citation	(Bonn et al. 8) <i>or</i> Bonn 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.).

Works-cited-list entry	Nicholson, Katie. “‘Barriers’ in Canada’s Legal System Complicating Fight to End Domestic Violence.” <i>CBC News</i> , 9 Mar. 2020, <a href="http://www.cbc.ca/news/barriers-in-canada-s-legal-system-complicating-fight-to-end-domestic-violence-1.5488510">www.cbc.ca/news/barriers-in-canada-s-legal-system-complicating-fight-to-end-domestic-violence-1.5488510</a> .
In-text citation	(Nicholson) or Nicholson

### Dictionary or encyclopedia

#### Online

Works-cited-list entry	“Media.” <i>Merriam-Webster</i> , <a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/media">www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/media</a> . Accessed Jan. 28, 2022.
In-text citation	(“Media”) or The term “media” is defined as...

#### Print

Works-cited-list entry	“Psychology.” <i>Canadian Oxford Dictionary</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed., Oxford University Press, 2004, p. 408.
In-text citation	(“Psychology”) or The term “psychology” is defined as...

### Thesis or dissertation

Works-cited-list entry	Max, Alyssa. <i>The Experiences of Individuals with Psychological Disabilities in Attending Counselling: A Phenomenological Investigation</i> . 2017. University of Ottawa, master’s thesis. <i>uO Research</i> , <a href="http://ruor.uottawa.ca/bitstream/10393/37047/5/Max_Alyssa_2017_thesis.pdf">ruor.uottawa.ca/bitstream/10393/37047/5/Max_Alyssa_2017_thesis.pdf</a> .
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).

Works-cited-list entry	<i>Canada’s Black Population: Education, Labour and Resilience</i> . Statistics Canada, 25 Feb. 2020, <a href="http://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2020002-eng.pdf?st=v7OEaeqo">www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2020002-eng.pdf?st=v7OEaeqo</a> .
In-text citation	(Statistics Canada 18) or Statistics Canada (12)

Works-cited-list entry	Páez Silva, Alejandro. A. <i>The French Language in Ontario, 2001 to 2016: Facts and Figures</i> . Statistics Canada, 16 Oct. 2019, <a href="http://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2019012-eng.pdf">www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-657-x/89-657-x2019012-eng.pdf</a> .
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 the two examples below).

Works-cited-list entry	“Immunization Coverage.” <i>World Health Organization</i> , 6 Dec. 2019, <a href="http://www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/immunization-coverage">www.who.int/en/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/immunization-coverage</a> .
In-text citation	(“Immunization Coverage”) or According to “Immunization Coverage,” most children do not...

Works-cited-list entry	“Services.” <i>Saint Paul University</i> , <a href="http://www.ustpaul.ca/en/jean-leon-allie-omi-library-services_474_273.htm">www.ustpaul.ca/en/jean-leon-allie-omi-library-services_474_273.htm</a> . Accessed 6 Apr. 2020.
In-text citation	(“Services”) or In “Services,” the library states...

### **Blog post**

Works-cited-list entry	Kennedy, Carmen. “12 Contemporary Black Authors to Celebrate.” <i>Grammarly</i> , 7 Feb. 2022, <a href="http://www.grammarly.com/blog/black-authors/">www.grammarly.com/blog/black-authors/</a> .
In-text citation	(Kennedy) or Kennedy mentions...

### **Course lecture or PowerPoint slides**

Works-cited-list entry	“Slides on the history of conflict studies.” Introduction to Conflict Studies, taught by Jean-François Rioux. <i>Brightspace</i> , Saint Paul University, 19 Jan. 2022, <a href="http://www.uottawa.brightspace.com">www.uottawa.brightspace.com</a> .
In-text citation	(“History of conflict studies”) or In a lecture on the history of the field of conflict studies, Rioux stated...

### **Tweet**

If an author’s online handle is similar to their account name, you can omit their handle (see example below); otherwise, supply the handle in square brackets after their name. This is followed by the text of the publication in its entirety in quotation marks.

Works-cited-list entry	Obama, Barack. “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.” <i>Twitter</i> , 7 Mar. 2020, <a href="https://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1236310244508254208">twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1236310244508254208</a> .
In-text citation	(Obama) or In a tweet, Obama stated...

### **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.*

Works-cited-list entry	DuVernay, Ava. "It's hard out there for women directors." <i>Facebook</i> , 9 Apr. 2017, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/directher/photos/a.298468910163362/1649731215037118">www.facebook.com/directher/photos/a.298468910163362/1649731215037118</a> .
In-text citation	(DuVernay) or In a Facebook post, DuVernay claims that...

### **Instagram post**

*If an author's online handle is similar to their account name, you can omit their handle; otherwise, supply the handle in square brackets after their name (see example below). Because Instagram posts can be lengthy, include the first few words or the first sentence of the post in quotation marks in lieu of a title.*

Works-cited-list entry	Jean-Léon Allie Library and Archives [@bibliospu]. "Vous n'avez pas eu le temps de venir voir notre vitrine thématique de la Journée internationale des femmes?" <i>Instagram</i> , 9 Mar. 2020, <a href="https://www.instagram.com/p/B9hDC7xplne/">www.instagram.com/p/B9hDC7xplne/</a> .
In-text citation	(Jean-Léon Allie Library and Archives) or On Instagram, the Jean-Léon Allie Library and Archives showed...

### **YouTube, Vimeo, or other online 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).*

Works-cited-list entry	"Discover our Indigenous Services!" <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by USPottawa, 29 Aug. 2018, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N76tjKpotlE">www.youtube.com/watch?v=N76tjKpotlE</a> .
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, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition* (find it at our [Citing and Writing Station](#))
- [MLA Style website](#)
- [Citation Style Research Guide](#) on the Library's [website](#)