

Style Sheet – English and American Studies

You need to document all sources according to certain rules. Most of the people teaching at the IEAS, will be fine with the MLA style. Unless they tell you otherwise (or provide you with a separate style guide for your papers), you can use the MLA style. Within your text, you add quotation marks to everything that you did not think of yourself. After that, you add the name of the author and the page number of your quotation in a footnote or in parenthesis. The full citation is in your Works Cited section at the end of your paper.

We have collected the most common types of citation that you will encounter during your studies. All this is based on the seventh edition of the MLA Handbook. The “MLA Formatting and Style Guide” of the Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) is a good online resource if you have additional questions.

Monograph/a book written by one author

Last name, first name. *Name of the Publication*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Type of publication.

Thomas, Ronald. *Detective Fiction and the Rise of Forensic Science*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999. Print.

A book written by several authors

Last name, first name and first name last name. *Name of the Publication*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Type of publication.

Deleuze, Gilles and Felix Guattari. *A Thousand Plateaus. Capitalism and Schizophrenia* Transl. Brian Massumi. London/Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1987. Print.

Edited volume

Last name, first name. (ed.). *Name of the Publication*. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Type of publication.

McCann, Carole R. and Seung-kyung Kim (eds.). *Feminist Theory Reader. Local and Global Perspectives*. New York/London: Routledge, 2003. Print.

Article or chapter in a book or anthology

Last name, first name. “Title of the Article or Chapter.” *Name of the Publication*. Ed. First name last name of the editor. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Page numbers. Type of publication.

Butler, Judith. “Performative Acts and Gender Constitution. An Essay in Phenomenology and Feminist Theory.” *Feminist Theory Reader. Local and Global Perspectives*. Ed. Carole R. McCann and Seung-kyung Kim. New York/London: Routledge, 2003. 415-427. Print.

Jeßing, Benedikt. “Frankfurter Schule.” *Metzler Lexikon Literatur- und Kulturtheorie*. Ed. Ansgar Nünning. Stuttgart, Weimar: Metzler, 2004. 195-197. Print.

Article in a journal

Last name, first name. "Title of the Article." *Name of the Publication*. Journal Edition .number (Year): Page numbers. Type of publication.

Anderson, Daryll. "Physicians as Detectives in Detective Fiction of the 20th Century." *Southern Medical Journal* 95.10 (2002): 1134-1139. Print.

Article in an online journal

Last name, first name. "Title of the Article." *Name of the Publication*. Journal edition and number (Year): Page numbers. Type of publication. Date of last access. URL (only if it is an unknown website).

Kissane, James and John M. Kissane. "Sherlock Holmes and the Ritual of Reason." *Nineteenth Century Fiction* 17.4 (1963): 353-362. Web. 03 March 2008. <<http://xroads.virginia.edu/>>.

Article on a website

Last name, first name. "Title of the Article or Chapter." *Name of the Website*. Name of the website's owner or the cooperation responsible. Date of creation (if available). Type of Publication. Date of last access. Short-URL (only if it is an unknown website).

Semel, Paul. "Crime-Show Procedurals for Dummies. A Step-by-Step Guide on How to Watch TV Crime Dramas." *MSN Entertainment*. Microsoft. Web. 20 Aug. 2008. <<http://tv.msn.com/tv/>>.

Reference from a dictionary

"term" *Name of the Publication*. Volume Edition. Year of publication. Type of publication.

"consonation, n." *The Oxford English Dictionary*. Vol III. 2nd Edition. 1989. Print.

Reference from an online dictionary

"term" *Name of the Publication*. Publisher, Year of publication. Type of publication. Date of last access. URL (only if it is an unknown website).

"taxonomy, n." *OED Online*. Oxford University Press, 2016. Web. 22 Mar. 2016.

Film

Name of the film. Director. Studio, Year. Type of Publication.

Angels in America. Dir. Mike Nichols. Warner Studios, 2003. Film / DVD.

Television series

Name of the series. Creator. Place of Production: Studio, Starting Year of Production. Type of publication.

Castle. Marlowe, Andrew W. USA: Beacon Pictures, Experimental Pictures, 2009. Television / DVD.

Episode of a television series

"Name of the Episode" SSeasonEEpisode. *Name of the series*. Creator. Place of Production: Studio, Starting Year of Production. Type of publication.

“Probable Cause” S5E05. *Castle*. Marlowe, Andrew W. USA: Beacon Pictures, Experimental Pictures, 2009. Television / DVD.

Reference from an encyclopaedia

“term” *Name of the Publication*. Name of the Editor. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Page numbers. Type of publication.

“Metafiktion” *Metzler Lexikon Literatur und Kulturtheorie. Ansätze - Personen - Grundbegriffe*. Ansgar Nünning (ed.). Stuttgart/Weimar: J.B. Metzler, 2001. 429-430. Print.

Reference from an online encyclopaedia

“term” *Name of the Publication*. Name of the Editor. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. Type of publication. Date of last access. URL (only if it is an unknown website).

“Achebe, Chinua” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Children’s Literature Online*. Jack Zipes (ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. Web. 23 Mar 2016.

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- Punctuation is part of citation. Pay attention to commas and full stops. Every entry ends with a full stop.
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