Chicago & Turabian Citations

The Chicago Manual of Style outlines citations for many academic and professional publications. For each topic below, the corresponding section in The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition is listed in parentheses. Remember to tailor your work for your specific audience and assignment. Note: Turabian style—detailed in Kate Turabian’s A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 9th edition—is a modified form of Chicago style for student papers. This handout applies to both Turabian and Chicago styles.

Two Citation Styles (Chicago 14.2, 15.2-15.3)
Chicago employs two citation styles: note-bibliography style and author-date style. Note-bibliography style is typically used in the humanities: literature, history, art, religion, etc. Author-date style is usually preferred in the sciences and social sciences. Remember to be consistent with your citation style throughout your text. Consult your instructor or review professional publications in your field to determine which style to use.

Note-Bibliography Style Citations (Chicago 14.19-14.23)
In note-bibliography style, citations in the text require superscripts—small numbers placed at the end of the sentence—that correspond either to numbered footnotes listed at the bottom of the page or to endnotes listed at the end of each chapter (or at the end of the entire paper). These footnotes or endnotes include a full citation of the source and they are identical to the citations listed in a bibliography for note-bibliography style.

Example (in-text): According to one scholar, “The railroads had made Chicago the most important meeting place between East and West.”

Book with One Author (14.23)
Include: Superscript number. Author’s First name and Last name, Title of Book (Publishing city: Publisher, Year of publication), Page number(s) referenced.

Book with Two or More Authors (14.23)
Include: Superscript number. First Author’s First name and Last name, and Second Author’s First name and Last name, Title of Book (Publishing city: Publisher, Year of publication), Page number(s) referenced.

Scholarly Journal Article (14.23)
Include: Superscript number. Author’s First name and Last name, “Title of Article,” Title of Journal Issue number, Volume number (Issue month and year): Page number(s) referenced.

Online Scholarly Journal Article (14.176)
Include: Superscript number. Author’s First name and Last name, “Title of Article,” Title of Journal Issue number, Volume number (Issue year): Page number(s) referenced, Access date (only include if required because Chicago typically does not require it), URL.

Web Pages and Websites (14.207)
Include: Superscript number. “Title of page” Title of site, Sponsor/Owner of site, Publication date, Modification date or Access date. URL. (Not all of this information will always be available.)
Author-Date Style Citations (*Chicago* 15.21-15.26)
This style uses parenthetical citations listing the author’s last name, the date of publication, and the page number if quoting from a specific page or section. These citations are typically placed at the end of the sentence. If the author’s name is used in the text, the remaining citation information should directly follow the author’s name.

**Example (in-text citation):** Essentially, “railroads had made Chicago the most important meeting place between East and West” (Cronon 1991, 131).

**Example (in-text citation):** According to Cronon (1991, 131) “The railroads had made Chicago the most important meeting place between East and West.”

**Note:** If citing a book with multiple authors, include all of them in the citation.

**Example:** (Smith and Jones 2017, 55) or (Smith, Jones, and Baker 2009, 86)

Author-Date Style Reference List Entries (*Chicago* 15.6, 15.9 and 15.50)

**Book with One Author (15.9)**
Include: Author’s Last name, First name. Year of publication. *Title of Book*. Publishing city: Publisher.


**Book with Multiple Authors (15.9)**
Include: First Author’s Last name, First name, and another Author’s First and Last name (until all are included). Year of publication. *Title of Book*. Publishing city: Publisher.


**Journal Article (15.9)**


**Note:** Include the access date and URL if accessed online.


**Website (15.50)**
Include: Author’s Last name, First name (if unavailable, list the organization first). Year of publication (if no date is available, use the notation *n.d.*). “Title of Webpage.” Organization, Full Date of publication (if available). Date of access (only include if publication/modification date is not provided). URL.
