

ASA citation quick reference

Reference patterns and the in-text forms for one, two, three and more authors. Checked against the ASA Style Guide, 6th edition.

REFERENCE PATTERNS

Journal article

Last, First. YYYY. "Title of Article." *Journal Name* 12(3):100–125.

Article with no issue number

Last, First. YYYY. "Title of Article." *Journal Name* 12:100–125.

Book

Last, First. YYYY. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher.

Reprint of an older work

Last, First. [1922] YYYY. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher.

Chapter

Last, First. YYYY. "Title of Chapter." Pp. 100–125 in *Title of Book*, edited by F. Last. City: Publisher.

Website

Last, First. YYYY. "Title of Page." Site Name. Retrieved Month DD, YYYY (<https://example.com/page>).

Report

Name of Agency. YYYY. *Title of Report*. City: Name of Agency. Retrieved Month DD, YYYY (<https://example.com/report>).

Dissertation

Last, First. YYYY. "Title of Dissertation." PhD dissertation, Department of Sociology, University Name, City.

AUTHOR NAMES

First author	Inverted: Sampson, Robert J.
The rest	Normal order: Stephen W. Raudenbush, and Felton Earls.
All authors	The reference list names everyone. Et al. belongs in the text only.
Same author	Repeated names are ordered by year, oldest first.
Organisation	Printed in full and alphabetised by the first significant word.

PUNCTUATION THAT TRIPS PEOPLE UP

- Volume, issue and pages run together with no spaces: 78(6):1360–1380.
- A page in the text follows a colon with no space: (Granovetter 1973:1364).
- Chapters put the page range before the book: Pp. 100–125 in Title.
- Web sources need both a retrieval date and a URL, in parentheses.

ORDERING

- The reference list is alphabetical by first author surname.
- It is never numbered.
- Journal names are given in full: American Journal of Sociology, not AJS.
- The year comes straight after the author, before the title.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

One author	(Granovetter 1973)
With a page	(Granovetter 1973:1364)
Two authors	(DiMaggio and Powell 1983)
Three, first mention	(Sampson, Raudenbush, and Earls 1997)
Three, after that	(Sampson et al. 1997)
Four or more	(Sampson et al. 1997)
Two works at once	(Bourdieu 1984; Granovetter 1973)
Author named in the sentence	Granovetter (1973) argued ...

SIX MISTAKES THAT COST MARKS

- Numbering the reference list.
- Putting the year at the end of the entry.
- Writing a comma instead of a colon before a page number.
- Inverting every author name.
- Using et al. in the reference list.
- Omitting the retrieval date for a web source.