# Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide

## Notes and Bibliography System (17th ed.)

### Books

#### One author

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*Source: CMOS 14.23.*

#### Two or three authors

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*Source: CMOS 14.23, 14.76.*

#### Four to ten authors

If there are four to ten authors or editors, provide all names in the bibliography but only the first followed by “et al.” in a note or shortened note. If there are more than ten names, see CMOS 14.76.

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<th>11. Laumann et al., <em>Social Organization of Sexuality</em>, 266.</th>
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*Source: CMOS 14.23, 14.76.*
**Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author**

“When no author appears on the title page, a work is listed by the name(s) of the editor(s), compiler(s), or translator(s).” (CMOS 14.103) Use ed., eds., trans., comp., or comps. Omit role in shortened notes. (CMOS 14.32) For editor, translator, or compiler in addition to author, see CMOS 14.23, 14.104.


**BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRY**


**Chapter, essay, or other part of a book**


**Book published electronically**

For books requiring a specific application or device, the format (if available), name of the application, and/or the device used must be specified. (CMOS 14.159) If page numbers are not fixed, consider including a chapter number, section heading, location number such as loc. 382 of 1288, etc. instead. (CMOS 14.160, 14.161)


## Journals, magazines, and newspapers

### Scholarly journal article

Show volume number (in Arabic numerals), issue number, and year (which may be “preceded by an exact date, a month, or a season”).◊ Months may be optionally abbreviated; capitalize seasons without abbreviation. (CMOS 14.171)◊ Provide the page consulted in the note and the article’s first and last pages in the bibliography. (CMOS 14.174)

| SHORTE NED NOTE | 38. Fontaine, “From Philanthropy to Altruism,” 40–41.  


### Popular magazine article

For weekly, monthly, or bimonthly popular magazines, provide date only; do not include the volume or issue numbers.◊ Page range in the bibliographic entry may be omitted.


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### Newspaper article

Except for well-known national newspapers in the U.S., the name of the city should be added after the title (not italicized, in parentheses) if not already included in the title; the name of the state, province, or nation may be added if needed. (CMOS 14.193)◊ Include a time stamp after the date for online articles if available and as appropriate.◊ Include information about the edition or section as appropriate.◊ Note that page numbers are omitted, since they can vary in different editions of the newspaper.

| NOTE | 45. “Adhesiveness in a Lobster,” Eastern Argus (Portland, Maine), August 8, 1835, America’s Historical Newspapers (Readex).  
| SHORTE NED NOTE | 48. “Adhesiveness in a Lobster.”  

Web pages and websites

Include owner or sponsor; title or description of page being cited, if any; “(website)” or “(web page)” if necessary for clarity; title or description of website; date of publication or revision, otherwise access date; and URL. (CMOS 14.207)

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Source: based on CMOS 14.207.

Discussion

This guide is based on The Chicago Manual of Style, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 17th ed., 2017. (Main Ref Desk Z253 .U69 2017) The complete Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS) is also available online for Bowdoin College users, <https://cbbcat.net/record=b5055626~S19>. ◊ CMOS provides two basic documentation systems, Notes and Bibliography and Author-Date. This guide covers the Notes and Bibliography system. Many of the examples and quoted text in this guide are taken from Chapter 14 of CMOS.

Notes. Most types of citations require two entries, a note and a bibliographic entry. Notes may be footnotes or endnotes. ◊ Use a shortened note (a.k.a. shortened citation) when a previous citation to the source is given in full in a note and/or when the full citation is provided in the bibliography. (CMOS 14.29) A shortened note consists of the last name(s) of the first one, two, or three authors; the title of the work cited (shortened if more than four words); and the page number(s) cited. (CMOS 14.30, 14.32, 14.23)

URLs. When citing an online source, include a URL, preferably (1) a DOI-based URL (beginning with “https://doi.org/”) or a Handle-based URL (beginning with “https://hdl.handle.net/”); (2) otherwise, a URL labelled as persistent or stable or a permalink; (3) otherwise, a standard URL. (CMOS 14.6, 14.8, 14.9) To create a URL from a DOI such as “doi:10.1086/679716”, append that DOI to “https://doi.org/” to create a URL of the form “https://doi.org/10.1086/679716”. (CMOS 14.8) ◊ “For a source consulted via a library or other commercial bibliographic database and available only through a subscription or library account, it may be best to name the database in lieu of a URL. […] A URL that leads to information about the source, if not full access to it, is safe to use.” (CMOS 14.11) ◊ The domain name, e.g. https://books.google.com/, or name of the database may be substituted for a very long URL for “formally published resources” such as Google Books. (CMOS 14.10)

Access dates. “Chicago does not […] require access dates in its published citations of electronic sources unless no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source.” (CMOS 14.12) Nevertheless, some publishers, disciplines, or professors may require access dates.

Other best practices. “In many cases the contents of the print and electronic forms of the same publication are intended to be identical. […] In practice, because there is always the potential for differences, intentional or otherwise, authors should cite the version consulted.” (CMOS 14.16) ◊ “As long as a consistent style is maintained within any one work, logical and defensible variations on the style illustrated in this chapter […] are acceptable if agreed to by author and publisher.” (CMOS 14.4)

Other issues.

- No author provided: CMOS 14.79
- No place of publication: CMOS 14.132
- No date of publication: CMOS 14.145
- More than ten authors, etc.: CMOS 14.76
- Editor, translator, or compiler in addition to author: CMOS 14.23, 14.104
- Organization as author: CMOS 14.84
- Edition: CMOS 14.113ff
- Series: CMOS 14.123ff
- Ibid: CMOS 14.34
- Citation taken from secondary source: CMOS 14.260
- Formats for notes and bibliography: CMOS 2.22, 2.24, 14.24
- Citation management tools: CMOS 14.5