

Writing Center Handouts

The Chicago Manual of Style¹

The Chicago Manual of Style, also called Chicago-Turabian, is the preferred citation format for writing in history and publishing. There are two varieties of Chicago style citations: 1) notes and bibliography or 2) author-date.²

Notes and Bibliography

- This system is most commonly used for papers in the humanities. Sources are cited in a numbered footnotes or endnotes (superscript) as follows:
 - Every time a source is quoted, paraphrased, or referenced in some way, a footnote is placed at the end of the sentence.
 - The document will begin a footnote section at the bottom of the page where information corresponding to each cited source is placed.
 - Footnotes allow readers to quickly see the source material without having to reference the bibliography.

However, this Chicago variation also includes a separate bibliography where all sources are listed as follows:

- Sources should be listed alphabetically.
- All entries should include the author, title, and publishing information.
- This should be the last page of the document and be titled “Bibliography” and centered

Example:

A Jesuit priest hires John Hu to accompany and assist him in translating Chinese texts for the Pope.³ The French Royal Librarian invited his predecessor “to assist with the cataloguing of the Chinese books.”⁴ However, unlike Hu, he accepted the invitation.⁵ Where the other man accepted his fame, he turns down the offer that Father Foucquet asserts could “be the making of Hu.”⁶

- Note the difference between bibliographical and explanatory notes (note four).
- Note the first and last names are not reversed.
- Note the use of commas in place of periods.
- Note the use of parentheses for dates and publisher information.

¹ Information adapted from the following sources:

<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>

http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/chicago_examples.cfm

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/>

² Your professor will specify what method they prefer, but both varieties can be found on the websites listed above.

³ Jonathan D. Spence, *The Question of Hu*, (New York: 1st Vintage Books, 1988), xviii.

⁴ Cécile Leung, Etienne Fourmont (1683-1745): Oriental and Chinese Languages in Eighteenth-Century France, *Leuven Chinese Studies* 13 (2002): 147-152. JSTOR, www.jstor.org.

⁵ *Ibid.*, p.152.

⁶ Spence, *Question of Hu*, 54. However, this assertion is unverified and related only through Spence’s translations and not within a primary source document.

Book:

Footnote:

1. First name Last name, Title of Book (Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication), page number.

Bibliography:

Last name, First name. Title of Book. Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication.

Journal/Periodical Article:

Footnote:

1. First name Last name, "Article Title," Name of Journal Volume Number, issue number (Year): Page number.

Bibliography:

Last name, First name. "Article Title." Name of Journal Volume Number, issue number (Year): First Page-Last Page.

Website:

Footnote:

1. First name Last name, "Title of Web Page," Publishing Organization or Name of Website, publication date and/or access date if available, URL.

Bibliography:

Last name, First name. "Title of Web Page." Publishing Organization or Name of Website. Publication date and/or access date if available. URL.

Video/Television/Film/Documentary:

Footnote:

1. First name Last name, Title of Work, Format, directed/performed by First name Last name (Original release year; City: Studio/Distributor, Video release year.), Medium.

Bibliography:

Last name, First name. Title of Work. Format. Directed/Performed by First name Last name. Original Release Year. City: Studio/Distributor, Video release year. Medium.

Author-Date

- This system is most commonly used for papers in the sciences and social sciences.
 - Sources are cited in the text using parentheses (author last name, date of publication).
 - Each in-text citation matches up with an entry in the reference section.
 - Instead of a bibliography, this variation will title its source list with "References" and centered.