This guide provides examples of the Harvard style of referencing for widely used materials and sources of information as given in the British Standard (BS ISO 690:2010). It covers citing sources and compiling a list of references.

We cannot cover every type of source and we do not make a judgement on whether a type of reference is appropriate for you to use. If you are in any doubt about what is expected always check your module handbook or with your lecturer. Where a variation is possible we have followed the guidance given in the British Standard.

If the type of material you want to reference is not included find a similar resource and follow as closely as you can, however, if you think it should be added please let us know and we will consider adding it to a future guide.

This guide will be updated to reflect the current British Standard. The library website is the authoritative source for the current guide.

You are responsible for checking your references and correcting errors even if using a referencing software tool.
Harvard Referencing

Citing and referencing acknowledges the ideas, work and opinions of authors or organisations and how they have influenced your work. It helps differentiate between your work and opinions and those of the authors you have read and used in the text.

You must include a citation whenever you use a quote, summarise a piece of writing or rewrite an idea in your own words (known as paraphrasing). This avoids confusion for the reader and protects you from plagiarising another’s work.

Please note that formatting and punctuation should follow the examples laid out in the guide.

Always check your module handbook for the preferred style of your lecturer.

Compiling your reference list

Reference list or bibliography?

The reference list allows a reader to find and read the sources used. There is an example at the end of the guide. List all your citations in alphabetical order by author. If an author has more than one item then list them by oldest first. A reference list is the most commonly used.

- A reference list is a list of all the items directly cited in your work.
- A bibliography is everything you have cited plus anything which could be considered to have influenced your work, for example, an article read during your research but not directly cited.

Missing information

Where information is missing from a source you should make it clear to the reader.

For example - if there is no date state it in the citation (Barnet Council, no date) and in the reference list Barnet Council, [no date]... If you can guess the approximate date you can use ‘ca.’ (means ‘circa’) - Barnet Council (ca.2010) introduced this planning process...

If no personal author or organisation can be identified use ‘Anon’ (for Anonymous) for both the citation and the reference list.

Abbreviations and acronyms

You must use the long form of an organisation’s name or common abbreviation the first time you use it, after this you can use the abbreviation or acronym, including in the citation:

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) first introduced the Information Technology Agreement in 1996 (WTO, 1997).
Citation styles

For a **direct quote** - state the author’s surname(s) without initials, year of publication and the page number within brackets. If a quote is more than two sentences you should indent it:

‘In learner-driven knowledge and skills creation, learners are provided with symbolic tools for the development of active learning methods’ *(Niemi, 2011, p.38).*

When **paraphrasing** (expressing another’s work in your own words) you can use an **in text citation** to introduce a discussion of an author’s ideas into your work naturally and help with the flow of the writing. Use the author’s surname(s) within the sentence and the year of publication in brackets:

**Lyman (2011)** states that... however **Seaborn (2014)** challenges this...

It is good to vary the styles used and the words used to introduce ideas. Think about the point of view of the author and whether it agrees with your views.

**Bartlett (2014)** argues / claims / observes / proposes etc.

According to **McGarry (2012)** there is no ...

You can also place your citation at the end of the sentence/paragraph, with the author’s surname(s) and year of publication in brackets:

Undertaking a literature review is essential within research, to help you justify why you have chosen a specific topic, establish what research has already been carried out and identify a new approach to explore **(Moore, 2010).**

If you need to cite more than one source you can list the citations together and separate them with a semi-colon ( ; ) begin with the most recent:

**Writing a good literature review requires the ability to critically assess resources (Aveyard, 2014; Ridley, 2012).**

For citing legal sources see the section on page 10.

Remember - you must include a citation whenever you use a quote, summarise a piece of writing or rewrite an idea in your own words (paraphrasing).

Citation examples

**One author**

State the author’s surname without initials and the year of publication. This example uses a direct quote so the page number is included.

‘Critical thinking is learned’ *(Kleinig, 2016, p.5).*

**Two or three authors**

As for one author but include all the surnames.

‘Reference methods evolve as technology and preferences alter’ *(McMillan & Weyers, 2007, p.199).*
Citation examples cont.

Four or more authors

With four or more authors, all surnames should be given if possible, however for the citation you may also choose to use only the first author’s surname then write ‘et al.’ (this means ‘and others’).

Note: this is an example of paraphrasing.

Only teaching students how to run a literature search without ensuring they understand the source of the information and how to use it could be considered inadequate (Jackson et al., 2014).

Use et.al. only in the citation - you must list all the names in the reference list:

Organisation as author (Corporate author)

If no person is stated to be the author use the organisation’s name for the citation and the reference. Common examples of this are government departments and professional bodies.

‘The fear of others’ reactions to HIV is still stopping some people from telling those closest to them about their diagnosis’ (Terrence Higgins Trust, 2014, p.3).

Chapter authors / Edited books

Where a book has chapters written by different authors the chapter author(s) should be cited.

See page 7 for how to reference a chapter in an edited book.

Authors with the same name or an author with more than one work in the same year

The different dates will show they are different sources. In the reference list start with the oldest to most recent for authors with the same name.

If the name and date is the same use a lower case letter after the date starting with a then b,c…

‘Edinburgh has long been a rite of passage for actors’ (Smith, 2014a).

Smith (2014b) makes the argument that the recent presence of a Chinese dance production in London reflects an international outlook.

Secondary referencing

Where an author is quoted or referred to within another source you can cite that resource and make it clear it is in another work by using the phrase ‘cited in’:

‘18 to 24-year-olds represent 33% of the population but only account for 7% of the voters’ (Cregg, 2006 cited in Young, 2015, p.137)

Cregg (2006) cited in Young (2015) asserts that...

You should always try and find the original source and only use a secondary reference if you cannot use the original. For your reference list give the details of the source you have – in this case Young (2015).
Choosing the right link for online references

If you have used an online resource you need to include a link to it in your reference. You will need to decide which link to include – if you can see a DOI choose that first:

**DOI** (Digital Object Identifier) is an alphanumeric address to identify content and provide a constant link to its location on the Internet. **Example:** http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tranpol.2016.07.014

**URL** (Uniform Resource Locator) and is the address of a resource on the Internet. **Example:** https://www.theguardian.com/environment/electric-cars


**Ebooks** (e.g. Dawsonera, EBL, MyiLibrary)

When you are logged into an ebook through the library the URL in the address bar of your browser is temporary and cannot be used again, so for ebooks use the beginning of the address.

**Example:** Available from: http://www.dawsonera.com

**Websites** (e.g. newspaper articles, reports, organisational publications etc.)

Copy the URL in the address bar of your browser. If you are downloading publications the URL for the PDF document is also fine to use.

**From a library database or a publisher’s website** (e.g. ejournal articles, theses etc.)

You cannot cut and paste a link from the address bar as you are logged in and it will give anyone else an error message.

Look for a **DOI** or a link in the entry for the article - here are some examples:
Reference Examples

Articles (Journals: Print and Online)

Note that the British Standard (BS ISO 690:2010) requires the journal volume in bold.

Article from an ejournal

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Article Title. Journal Title [online]. Volume number (Part or Issue or Month), Page Number(s). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Online only journals

There are some journal articles that don’t fit the template they may be online only, pre print, early online etc. They may have a volume and an article number, just an article number or no issue or page numbers. In these cases you may adapt the style to reflect the information available. Contact your librarian for help if needed.

Article from a print journal

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Article Title. Journal Title. Volume number (Part or Issue or Month), Page Number(s).


Article with multiple authors

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Article Title. Journal Title [online]. Volume number (Part or Issue or Month), Page Number(s). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Take the information for your reference from the title page inside the book. The wording and spelling of the title should be the same as the original source. If a book has an edition number always include it in your reference.

**Book - One author**

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher.


**Book - Two or Three authors**

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. & AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher.


**Book - Four or more authors**

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. & AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher.


**Book - Corporate author / Organisation as author**

ORGANISATION NAME, Year of Publication. *Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher.


**Chapter within an edited book**

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title of chapter. In: EDITOR’S SURNAME, First Name or Initials., ed. *Book Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher, Page Number(s).


**Ebook**

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. *Title* [online]. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Computer Games, Programs and Apps

**Computer Games**

CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of creation. *Title of game* [computer game]. Publisher. [downloaded date]. Available from: https://...


**Computer program**

CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of creation. Title of program (Version No.) [computer program]. Publisher. [downloaded date]. Available from: https://...


**App**

CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of creation. *Title of app* (Platform Version No.) [mobile app]. Publisher. [downloaded date]. Available from: https://...


**Conference proceedings**

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title of paper. In: EDITOR’S SURNAME, First Name or Initials., ed. *Title of conference proceedings*. Location of conference, Date of conference. Place: Publisher, Page Number(s)

Conversations and interviews

You should seek permission from the parties you are quoting. If permission is refused you may anonymise the reference. See the example below. You should also consider the appropriateness of conversations as a source. Consider whether the person you have spoken to is an expert on the subject or offers particular insights. What value do they add to your understanding of the topic?

YOUR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. *Conversation or interview with name of person with whom you spoke*. Location of conversation/ interview, day month.


Emails

Personal Emails

AUTHOR/SENDER SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Subject line [email]. Recipient Name SURNAME, First Name or Initials. email address. Day & month message sent.


Emails to electronic mailing lists

AUTHOR/SENDER SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Subject line [email]. Discussion list email address. Day & month message sent.


Films

*Title*. Year of release. [medium]. Directed by FULL NAME OF DIRECTOR. Place of production: Production company.


Images, graphs and tables

From a book or journal

AUTHOR/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of work [medium]. *Book Title*. Edition (if not the 1st). Place: Publisher. Page number.

Online images

AUTHOR/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of work [medium]. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Photographs from the internet


Images from a database


Images or photographs (e.g. in a museum or gallery)

AUTHOR/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of work [medium]. At: Place: holding institution, department.


Leaflets and pamphlets

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of Publication. Title. [description of medium] Place: Publisher (often the organisation itself). [Viewed on date] Available from: http://www...


Lectures, Talks and Presentations

Attended in person

SPEAKER / AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of lecture or presentation [lecture or presentation]. Title of event. Location of event, Day & month.


Viewed or participated online

CREATOR / AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of lecture or presentation [lecture or presentation online]. Lecture or presentation day & month. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Example: ROY, E., 2015. When we design for disability, we all benefit [lecture online]. 25 September. [viewed 23 Sept 2016]. Available from: https://www.ted.com/talks/elise_roy_when_we_design_for_disability_we_all_benefit
Legal sources (case law and legislation)

If you need to reference Acts of Parliament, other legislation or case law follow the examples given. There is no case law or legislation style given in the British Standard. Law students would normally use a different style called OSCOLA. We have used this to give you examples to follow.

Legislation – UK and Scotland

Acts of the Scottish Parliament

Example of in text citation: Victim and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014

For Acts of the Scottish Parliament you can provide the asp number in brackets after the year.

*Title of the Act and Year, asp number* (in italics) [online]. [viewed date]. Available from: https://...

**Example:** Victim and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 (asp 1) [online]. [viewed 18 February 2016]. Available from: www.westlaw.co.uk

Acts of UK Parliament

Cite an act by its short title and year using capital letters for the major words and without a comma before the year: Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

To reference an Act give the website or database where you found it.

*Title of the Act and Year, Chapter number* (in italics) [online]. [viewed date]. Available from: https://...


Secondary legislation – UK and Scotland – statutory instruments

Statutory instruments are numbered consecutively throughout the year. The SI or SSI number is created using the year and number.

*Title of the SI or SSI* (in italics), SI or SSI number [online]. [viewed date]. Available from: https://...

**Example:** Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (Commencement) (Scotland) Order, SSI 2014/221 [online]. [viewed 18 November 2016]. Available from: www.westlaw.co.uk

For European Union legal sources, refer to the OSCOLA full guide (http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php) pages 28-32.

Case Law

If you can you should use the Session Cases law reports – the authoritative series of law reports in Scotland and you should cite these where possible. Session Cases includes cases from the Court of Session Inner House and Outer House (SC), the High Court of Justiciary (JC), the House of Lords and Supreme Court (SC (HL) or SC (UKSC)) If the case is not reported in the Session Cases refer to another report series.
For English cases, you should cite the *Law Reports* if you can. These are published in four series: Appeal Cases, Queen’s Bench, Chancery Division and Family Division. Alternatively you should cite the *Weekly Law Reports* or the *All England Law Reports* then any other law report.

Follow the legal format given in the resource used.

**Cases from Scotland - published cases**

Case name, Year REPORT ABBREVIATION First page number

*Example:* Doogan v Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board, 2015 SC (UKSC) 32

*Example:* *Sutherland Estates v Sutherland* 1998 SLT (Land Ct) 37

**Cases from England and Wales – published cases**

*Case name* [year] Volume (if required) REPORT ABBREVIATION First page number

*Example:* Regina (Evans) v Attorney General [2014] QB 855

**Unreported / unpublished cases**

In the first instance look for the ‘neutral citation’ made up of the abbreviation for the court and date: [2016] EWHC 2793 (QB)

*Case name* [year] Court Number

*Example:* Ian Whyte v Bluebird Buses Limited [2015] CSOH 56

*Example:* Haile v London Borough of Waltham Forest [2015] UKSC 34

For cases which are not reported and which do not have a neutral citation, simply give an abbreviation of the court and the date of the judgment in brackets after the party names.

*Example:* Angelika Ilona, Countess Cawdor v Cawdor Castle (Tourism) Limited (CSOH, 7 November 2002)

*Example:* *Stubbs v Sayer* (CA, 8 November 1990)

**Citing a paragraph in a judgment or a page in a case report**

A pinpoint is a reference to a specific part of a case report or judgment. When citing a paragraph in a judgment this should be given in square brackets after the citation. Multiple paragraphs should be separated by a comma, or shown as a range if appropriate.

Pinpoints to a page in a law report should follow the first page of the report and be separated by a comma.

*Example:* University and College Union v The University of Stirling [2015] UKSC 26 [16]-[19]

*Example:* *Cadder v HM Advocate* 2011 SC (UKSC) 13, 27

For more information on OSCOLA go here: [www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php).
Maps

AUTHOR/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title, Scale. Place of publication: Publisher.


User generated maps (e.g. using Digimap)

EDINA who provide Digimap services recommend a reference format which we have amended to be consistent with our guide.

AUTHOR/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Title [map format], Scale, Product name [data format], Currency of data. Producer. Using: Service. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Music

COMPOSER SURNAME, First Name or Initials. OR ORGANISATION, Year of release. Title, Series Title (if relevant) [type of medium]. Date of transmission. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www....


Newspaper articles

Print newspaper article
AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Article Title. Name of Newspaper. Day and Month, Page Number(s).


Online newspaper article
AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First name or initials., Year. Article title. Name of newspaper [online]. Day and Month, Page Number(s). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Anonymous newspaper article
ANONYMOUS. Year. Article title. Name of newspaper [online]. Day and Month, Page Number(s). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Patents

Patents may be awarded to a company or an individual therefore you may occasionally see an inventor in addition to the company who have applied for or owns the patent.

APPLICANT/CREATOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title of patent. Inventor: SURNAME, First Name or Initials. Date awarded. Application Date. Patent Number.


Podcasts, YouTube and Videos

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. OR BROADCASTER, Year of Publication. Programme title, Series Title (if relevant) [type of medium]. Date of transmission. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. OR BROADCASTER, Year of release. Programme title, Series Title (if relevant) [type of medium]. Date of transmission. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www....


Reports

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of Publication. Title. Place: Publisher. (often the organisation itself)


If you used an online version add the date you accessed it and the web address:

Financial or company reports e.g. from Mintel or IBISWorld follow the same template:

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of Publication. Title [online]. Place: Publisher. (often the organisation itself). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Internal report from an organisation:

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of Publication. Title. Internal document. Unpublished.


Confidential report:


 Sacred texts

The Bible

Book of the Bible chapter: verse, Holy Bible (Not in italics) and version of the Holy Bible.


Example of in text citation: (Mathew 5: 3-12)

The Torah

Torah (Not in italics), Book chapter: verse

Example: Torah. Shemot 3:14

Example of in text citation: (Shemot 3:14)

The Qur’an

Qur’an (Not in italics), Surah: verse (year of publication) Translated by. Place of publication.


Example of in text citation: (Qur’an 20: 26)
Sources not in English

You should provide the title of the item in the original language (for titles not in the Latin alphabet you should transliterate the title). This may be followed by an English translation of the title in square brackets. At the end of the reference you may provide the name of the original language in round brackets.

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. Or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of publication. Title in original language [English translation of title]. Place of publication: Publisher. (Original language).


AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. Or ORGANISATION NAME, Year of page creation or last update. Title of page in original language [English translation of title] [online]. Organisation. [viewed date]. Available from: www… (Original language).


Standards – for example: British Standards or Eurocodes

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME., Year of Publication. Standard Number. Title. Place: Publisher. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www…


Systematic reviews

We have used the British Standard (BS ISO 690:2010) throughout our guide however no specific guidance is provided for systematic reviews.

Cochrane Systematic Review

We have amended the Cochrane Collaboration recommended reference format, by capitalising the author names, to be consistent with our guide.

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Title of review. Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews Year of Publication, Issue. Art. No.: CD00. [viewed date] DOI:

Non-Cochrane Systematic Review

AUTHOR(S) SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Article Title. Journal Title [online]. Volume number (Part or Issue or Month), Page Number(s). [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Television and Radio Programmes

Television

Series title and episode number. Episode name. Broadcasting organisation and Channel. Full date and if necessary, time of transmission.

Example: An Hour to Save Your Life. On the Edge. BBC 2. 11 March 2014, 21:00.

Radio

Only use a presenter or contributor's name if the intellectual content of an item can be clearly attributed to them.

PRESENTER SURNAME, First Name or Initials. OR CONTRIBUTOR (if appropriate), Year of release. Title. Broadcasting organisation and Channel. Date of transmission.


Theses and dissertations

Online theses

Thesis from EThOS

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title. Qualification, Awarding institution. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Thesis from an Institutional Repository

AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title. Qualification, Awarding institution. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Print theses
AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year of Publication. Title. Qualification, Awarding institution.


Websites, blogs and tweets

Website
AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials. or ORGANISATION NAME., Year of page creation or last updated. Title of page [online]. Organisation. [viewed date]. Available from: web address.


Blog
AUTHOR SURNAME, First Name or Initials., Year. Title of blog entry [online]. Title of blog. Day month published. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...


Tweets
@TWITTER USERNAME, Year. Full text of tweet [Twitter]. Day and month tweet posted. [viewed date]. Available from: http://www...

Example reference list

Some of the references used in this guide have been drawn together to form an example reference list. Please note for legal material you would normally be required to provide separate lists of cases and legislation.


KITCHENHAM, B., 2012. Systematic review in software engineering: where we are and where we should be going. In: Zhang, H., ed. Proceedings of the 2nd international workshop on evidential


ROY, E., 2015. When we design for disability, we all benefit [lecture online]. 25 September. [viewed 23 Sept 2016]. Available from: https://www.ted.com/talks/elise_roy_when_we_design_for_disability_we_all_benefit


Using Reference management software

Reference management software helps you to keep track of your research, create bibliographies or reference lists and share these with others. There are many different reference management products available both free and paid for.

GCU library subscribes to and provides support for RefWorks.

Main features of RefWorks

- RefWorks allows you to import references from most online databases, organise these using folders and create bibliographies for use in your research.
- RefWorks Quick Cite allows you to add citations, footnotes and bibliographies to the essay or article as you're writing.
- Save to RefWorks imports a website directly from the browser as a reference.

The RefWorks pages on the library website include help with setting up a RefWorks account and learning how to use RefWorks

Please note: When generating a bibliography or reference list using RefWorks make sure you choose the output style for GCU Harvard – British Standard 2018 / 2019

For further help with using RefWorks come to a library drop-in or contact a librarian http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/subjecthelp/contactyourlibrarian/

Generating references via other methods

Some databases and search engines allow users to generate references in a variety of styles at the click of a button. ProQuest, the library’s Discover search and Google Scholar all have this functionality however you must choose Harvard British Standard 2010 if this style is available. Alternatively you may use a more generic style such as Harvard but be prepared to make significant changes to the reference to bring it in line with the guidance available in this guide.
Library contact information:

Academic Librarian Team

Telephone: 0141 331 3333

Web: http://www.gcu.ac.uk/library/