Referencing Electronic Resources

There is no standard method for citing electronic sources of information as yet, but remember to remain consistent with whatever method you are using (e.g. APA, MLA, Harvard etc).

A useful website to consult outlining guidelines for referencing is: https://www.citethemright.com

The basic form of the citations follow the principles listed for print sources:
- name/s of author/s
- date of publication
- title of publication
- publisher/organisation
- edition, if other than first
- type of medium
- Name / site address on internet
- date item retrieved

Electronic Book

Author’s Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title. Available from: web address or database name.


Website with Author

Author’s Surname, Initial(s). (Year, Month Day). Title. Site. URL


Electronic Journal Articles

Author’s Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. Journal title, Volume(issue number), page numbers. Web address of site or name of database.


Website with no Author

Title of website. (Year, Month Day) URL


For more information or training on Citing and Referencing your sources, please contact the library.

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Quick Guide
Why Reference?

In writing a thesis or research project, you will consult a variety of sources (e.g., books, journals, the internet, databases, etc.). It is essential that you provide references to the ideas, facts, quotations, etc., that you use to support your argument:

- to assist readers in finding further information about the topic
- to prove that your work has a substantial factual basis
- to give credit where it is due and to avoid plagiarism. See GMIT guide about plagiarism at http://www.gmit.ie/sites/default/files/public/general/docs/3-5-plagiarism.pdf

Which style should I use?

A number of different citing styles can be used. Check with your lecturer as to which style is preferred by your department. Whichever style you choose, stick to the one system throughout your project. This guide will show how to use the APA citation and referencing style.

Further information

GMIT Library also has several books and guides available detailing the different styles and giving information on how to reference, for example:

- Pears, R., 2013. *Cite them right: the essential referencing guide*. Held at 808.027
- ‘Referencing and Citing - Comprehensive Guide: Using the APA Citation Style’. Available at: https://library.gmit.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/gmitreferencingcomprehensiveguide.pdf

Referencing using the APA Style

Using this style, you need to give brief citations in your text and a reference list at the end of the project.

1. Citations

These are the brief details of the reference within the text of your assignment (e.g., Smith, 2011, p. 34).

Direct Quote

If using fewer than 40 words, put the quote in double quotation marks. List the surname of the author, the date of publication and the page number(s) it appeared on directly after the quote.

Example:

It can be seen that “West Belfast is an ideal location to examine whether tourism builds peace or reproduces processes of conflict” (Wiedenhof Murphy, 2010, p.543).

Paraphrase or Summary

List the name of the author(s), the page number, and the date of publication directly after the paraphrase.

Example:

Many tourists surf the internet prior to their trip to Ireland and many fantasize about the marketed image of Ireland portrayed online for visitors (Costa, 2009, p.12).

2. Reference List

This is an alphabetical list, by authors surname, of the full details of all sources you have cited.

References


Books

Author(s) Last name, Initial(s). (Year). *Title (edition)*. Name of publisher.


Chapter in a book (edited)

Author’s Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter. In Editor Initial Surname(s) (Ed.) *Title of book*. Publisher, page numbers of chapter.


Journal Articles

Author’s Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. *Journal Title, Journal volume* (issue number) or date, page number(s).


Theses and Dissertations

Author’s Surname, Initial(s), Year. *Title of thesis* [Unpublished thesis]. Award Type, Awarding Institution.