

## 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>

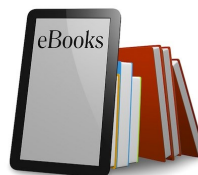
The **basic form** of the citations follow the principles listed for print sources:

- **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.

Richlin, L. (2006). *Blueprint for learning : constructing college courses to facilitate, assess, and document learning*. <http://site.ebrary.com>



## Website with no Author

*Title of website*. (Year, Month Day) URL

*GMIT Today*. (2012, July 11) <http://www.gmit.ie/sites/default/files/public/communications/docs/gmit-today-2012.pdf>

## Website with Author

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

Mannion, T. (2010, July 7). *Galway respite funding will not be cut*. RTE News. <http://www.rte.ie/news/2010/0707/health.html>



## 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.

Grousbeck, H. (2012). When key employees clash. *Harvard Business Review*, 90 (6), 135-139. Business Source Complete.

Jowell, A., Zhou B., & Barry, M. (2017). The impact of megacities on health: preparing for a resilient future. *The Lancet Planetary Health*, 1(5), 176-178. [https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196\(17\)30080-3](https://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S2542-5196(17)30080-3).



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

# GMIT Library Citing and Referencing

## Quick Guide



## Using the APA Citation Style

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## 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
- Williams, K. & Carroll, J., 2009. *Referencing and Understanding Plagiarism*. Held at 808.066378
- '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" (Wiedenhot 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

Costa, K. (2009). *Coach fellas: heritage and tourism in Ireland*. Left Coast Press.

Wiedenhot Murphy, W. (2010). Touring the Troubles in west Belfast: Building peace or reproducing conflict? [Electronic version] *Peace & Change*, 35(4), 537-560.

## Books

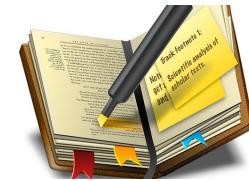
Author(s) Last name, Initial(s). (Year). *Title (edition)*. Name of publisher.

Domegan, C. & Fleming, D. (2007). *Marketing research in Ireland: Theory and practice* (3rd ed.). Gill and MacMillan.

### 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.

Colman, A. (1984). Expression of exogenous DNA in *Xenopus* Oocytes. In B.D. Hames and S.J. Higgins (Eds.) *Transcription and translation: a practical approach* (pp. 49-69). IRL Press.



## Journal Articles

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

Weinberger, D. (2008). Authenticity: Is it real or is it marketing? *Harvard Business Review*, 86(3), 33-43.

## Theses and Dissertations

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

McDonnell, P.J. (2008). *The history and ecology of Kylebrack and Kyleaglanna woods in Southeast Galway* [Unpublished thesis]. BA in Heritage Studies, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology.