TURABIAN (AUTHOR-DATE) DOCUMENTATION STYLE

The Turabian (Author-Date) documentation style is an accepted method of documenting other people’s ideas and words in a research paper. This handout provides an overview of Turabian (Author-Date) style; for material not covered in this handout, please consult your instructor, Kate Turabian’s *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (8th ed., available at the SCC Library), the SCC Library, or the Academic Support Center.

PARENTHETICAL (IN-TEXT) CITING

Parenthetical references should be placed at the end of the sentence, before the period, when a resource has been used. If the sentence is either long enough or complex enough so that the cited portion of the sentence is not obvious, the parenthetical reference may instead be inserted immediately after the use of information from the source. Page numbers should be included.

**General Form:** (Author Last Name Year of Publication, Page #)

**Example:** (Smith 1992, 142)

The following examples illustrate parenthetical reference formats for works with multiple authors:

- **One author:** (Smith 1992, 142)
- **Two authors:** (Smith and Johnson 1998, 14)
- **Three authors:** (Smith, Johnson, and White 2001, 42)
- **More than three authors:** (Smith et al. 1998, 203)
- **Corporate Authors:** (National Alliance for Social Consideration 1932, 11)

When a text has a corporate or organizational author, the name of the organization may be shortened to its most basic title. Abbreviations for organizations are not encouraged.

Turabian does not offer examples for creating parenthetical references when there is **no author**. Standard practice has been to include the title of the work in place of the author. The title should be formatted in the same manner as the formatting in the References list entry:

*(Plagiarism and You 2002, 142)*  
*("Five Ways to Protect Yourself" 2000, 33)*

When there is **no publication date** listed for a source, include "n.d." (no date) in place of the date. *(Statistics for Water Rights n.d.)*
Book with 1 author:

Format:
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher.

Example:

Book with 2 authors:

Format:
Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year of Pub. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher.

Example:

Book with 3 authors:

Example:

Electronic book (E-book):

Format:
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher. Format of e-book.

Example:

Chapter in a Book or Work in an Anthology:

Format:
Author Last, First. Year. Title of Chapter/Article. In Title, ed. First Last, Inclusive page numbers. Location of Publisher: Publisher.

Example:
Journal article (Print):

Format:
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. Title. Journal Name volume #, no. issue # (Month/Season): inclusive page numbers.

Note: The month of publication is not required if the issue number is present.

Example:

Journal article (Online):

Format:
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. Title. Journal Name volume #, no. issue # (Month of Publication): inclusive page numbers if available. URL (access Month Day, Year).

Example:

Website (Entire Site):

Format:
Last Name, First of Author. Date of Pub. Title. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:

Website (Individual Webpage):

Format:
Corporate Author Name or Last Name, First of Author. Date of Pub. Title of page. Title of site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Example:
TURABIAN (AUTHOR-DATE) DOCUMENTATION STYLE

Email:

Note: Email messages are not included in the list of References. Just cite in your text.

Format:
(Author First Name Last, Month Day, Year, e-mail message to author)

Example:
(Christopher Nolan, September 5, 2017, e-mail message to author)