You should always check your unit guide and/or with your unit chair, lecturer or tutor to make sure that this is the recommended style for your unit.
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Please note that there are many variations on the Oxford style of referencing. The information presented in this guide is a recommendation and is not compulsory. Check your unit guide for any further recommendations. No matter which variations on this style you use, the most important thing is to be consistent throughout your assignment.

**General principles**

The Oxford style consists of the following elements:

1. **Citations in the body of the paper** refer to footnotes at the bottom of the paper. They consist of a superscript (raised) number, generally at the end of a sentence.
2. **Footnotes** provide the bibliographic details of a source and appear at the bottom of the page. Footnotes are known as endnotes if they appear at the end of a chapter or section. Footnotes are numbered consecutively throughout a chapter or paper.
3. **A bibliography** is a full list of sources cited in the text, sources consulted in preparing a paper and other sources thought to be of interest to the reader. It is ordered alphabetically according to the family name of the first-listed author.

**First citations**

The first time a source is cited, the footnote must provide full bibliographic details. Sources need to be cited in a footnote whenever ideas from those sources are discussed, summarised, paraphrased or quoted.

A superscript number placed after the relevant text refers to a footnote at the bottom of the page. The footnote provides information about the author, title and other publication details.

For quotes and paraphrases, provide a page number (or equivalent reference) in the footnote. For summaries or general references to works: you do not have to provide a page number, but you may wish to provide one in order to direct the reader to a specific passage in the text.

Kostof notes, ‘Ggantija is a wholly manmade form, which is to say it is thought out and reproduceable’.1


Footnotes for subsequent references to the same source do not repeat all the details, but use a shortened form. See **Repeat citations** below for details.

Footnotes usually provide information about the author, title, other publication details, and a page (or equivalent) reference.

**Author**

- Check your unit guide to determine if there is a preference for providing initials of the first name or the first name in full.
- Provide initials/first name **before** the family name.
- Where there are two or three authors, the names of all the authors are included and an ampersand ‘&’ separates the names of the last two authors.
• Where there are more than three authors, include the family name of the first-listed author only, followed by 'et al.'

**Title**

• Titles of books, journals and websites are formatted in italics
• Titles of articles, chapters are placed within single quote marks.


Footnotes follow the same order of elements, punctuation and capitalisation as bibliography entries, with the following exceptions.

In footnotes:

• The first name/initials of authors come before family names.
• Only specific page numbers (or equivalent markers) being cited in a quote or paraphrase are included.

In a bibliography:

• The first name/initials of authors come after family names.
• Entries are arranged alphabetically according to the family names of authors.
• The hanging indent style paragraph is used.
• The range of page numbers identifying the beginning and end of chapters in books or journal articles is included.

**Repeat citations**

When sources are referred to more than once in the footnotes, full bibliographic details do not need to be given after the initial footnote.

'ibid.'

Use 'ibid.' in a footnote where the immediately preceding footnote refers to the same source.


2. ibid.

If it is the same source, but a different page, add the page number.


2. ibid., p. 45.
‘op. cit.’ and ‘loc. cit.’
While ‘ibid.’ is used for citing an immediately preceding footnote, ‘op. cit’ and ‘loc. cit’ are used for citing all other previously cited sources.

- Use ‘op. cit.’ to refer to a work previously cited that has a different page number.
- Use ‘loc. cit’ to refer to the same page of a previously cited work.

4. Tansey & Kleiner, loc. cit.

**Quotation style**
In the body of the text, use single quotation marks for short quotes of less than 30 words.
Kostof notes, ‘Ggantija is a wholly manmade form, which is to say it is thought out and reproduceable’.¹

For quotes longer than 30 words, do not use quotation marks. Start the quote on a new line, indented and in a smaller font size.

Morley-Warner suggests that students should focus on how journal articles in their subject are written and structured. She describes another benefit of this process:
You will also gain a sense of the complexity of being an apprentice writer in an academic culture, or rather cultures, where expectations may vary from discipline to discipline, even subject to subject and where you can build a repertoire of critical thinking and writing skills that enable you to enter the academic debates, even to challenge.²

Where there are multiple references to the same source in one paragraph, it is more economical to cite in a single footnote, as long as this cannot be confused with citations to other works in the same paragraph.

**Bibliography**
A bibliography is an alphabetically ordered list of all the sources cited, as well as sources consulted in preparing a paper and other sources thought to be of interest to the reader. There is no need to divide a bibliography into subsections, unless you have been instructed to do so, for example, into Primary and Secondary Sources.

It is important to note that the term 'bibliography' is sometimes used for what would more accurately be called a reference list (which consists only of sources cited in a paper). Check with unit staff to determine what is required in your assignment.

**Author**
- Check your unit guide to determine if there is a preference for providing initials of the first name or the first name in full.
- Provide initials/first name after the family name.
• Where there are two or three authors, the names of all the authors are included and an ampersand ‘&’ separates the names of the last two authors.
• Where there are more than three authors, include the family name of the first-listed author only, followed by ‘et al.’

**Title**

• Titles of books, journals and websites are formatted in italics
• Titles of articles, chapters are placed within single quote marks.

Note that bibliography entries follow the same order of elements, punctuation and capitalisation as footnotes, with the following exceptions:

In the bibliography

• The initials of all authors come after family names.
• Entries are arranged alphabetically.
• Page numbers identifying the beginning and end of chapters in books or journal articles are included.
• The hanging indent style paragraph is used.

In footnotes

• The initials of all authors come before family names.
• Only specific page numbers (or equivalent markers) being cited in a quote or paraphrase are included.

**Sample Bibliography**


Multiple authors of a single work

For works written by two or three authors, separate the final two authors with an ampersand ‘&’.

Footnote


Bibliography


If a work has more than three authors, use only the family name of the first-listed author, followed by ‘et al.’ (meaning ‘and others’).

Footnote


Bibliography


Group author

Sometimes the author is an organisation, government agency, association or corporate body. Cite the full name of the organisation and the bibliographic details of the work appropriate to the source.

Footnote


Bibliography

The entry is listed alphabetically under the name of the organisation (excluding ‘The’).


No author

Footnote

For works that do not indicate the name of an author, the footnote should begin with the title of the work.


Bibliography

Provide the author as ‘Anon.’ or ‘Anonymous’.

No date
If a source has no publication date, use the latest copyright date. If no date can be found, place ‘n.d.’ where the date would usually be.

Footnote

Bibliography
Jones, P. *The hanging hypothesis*, Metzger & Son, New York, n.d.

Secondary sources

Footnote
When citing an author (secondary source) who is citing another author that you have not read (primary source), provide bibliographic details of both works in the footnote. Use the phrase ‘cited in’.

In the example below, you have read Brown (secondary source), who refers to Smith (primary source), but you have not read Smith yourself.


Bibliography
Provide only the details of the source you have read (the secondary source).


Multiple works by the same author

Footnotes
Use ‘ibid.’, ‘op. cit.’ and ‘loc. cit.’ as detailed in Repeat citations above.

In addition, add the title to the repeat citation, so that works will not be confused by the reader. Long titles may be shortened.


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…


Bibliography
If you are citing more than one work by an author (or group of authors listed in the same order), order the bibliography entries by the year of publication.

If you are citing more than one work by an author (or group of authors listed in the same order)
and the works are published in the same year, order the bibliography entries by the titles of the works.

In both cases, use a long dash instead of the author’s name for the second and subsequent references.


### Books

**Print book**

- Include the edition number for all editions except the first.
- If relevant to the citation, place the names of editors or translators after the title preceded by ‘ed.’, ‘eds’ or ‘tr.’

**Footnote**

A. Author, B. Author & C. Author, *Title of book*, edition number, volume number, tr./ed. A. Translator/Editor, Publisher, Place, year, page.


**Bibliography**


**e-book**
In addition to details provided for a print book:

- You may provide information about the medium after the title, if relevant, e.g. [online facsimile].
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL.
- Do not provide a URL if accessed via an electronic database. Provide the database name and medium [online database].
- If the e-book is not paginated, provide another reference such as a paragraph number, section heading or chapter title.

**Footnote**

A. Author, *Title of book*, Publisher, Place, year, Database/<URL>, page/paragraph reference, accessed day month year.


**Bibliography**


**Chapter in an edited book**

**Footnote**

A. Author, 'Title of chapter', in A. Editor ed., *Title of book*, Publisher, Place, year, page.


**Bibliography**

In the bibliography, include the page range of the chapter.


**Dictionary or encyclopedia**

In general, citing Wikipedia entries is not recommended.

Note that in some units, citing dictionaries is not acceptable. Consult your unit guide for details.
If you have permission, cite the dictionary or encyclopedia according to the source type, e.g. book, e-book, website.

**Footnote**


**Bibliography**


## Periodicals

### Journal article – print

**Footnote**

A. Author, 'Title of article', *Title of Journal*, volume, issue, year, page.


**Bibliography**

- Provide the page range of the article.

A. Author, 'Title of article', *Title of Journal*, volume, issue, year, page range.


### Journal article – online, electronic database

**Via the web**

- For electronic journals that have no volume or issue number, cite the date.
- Provide the medium as [online journal] for articles on the web.
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the journal.

**Footnote**

- Provide paragraph references for unpaginated articles.

A. Author, 'Title of article', *Title of Journal* [online journal], volume, issue, year, page/paragraph reference, <URL> accessed day month year.


**Bibliography**
• Provide the page range of the article, if available.

**Author, A., 'Title of article', Title of Journal [online journal], volume, issue, year, page range, <URL> accessed day month year.**


**Via electronic database**

• Place [online database] after database name.

• It is not necessary to include a URL for a well-known database.

**Footnote**

• Provide paragraph references for unpaginated articles.

**A. Author, 'Title of article', Title of Journal, volume, issue, year, page/paragraph reference, Database [online database], accessed day month year.**


**Bibliography**

**Author, A., 'Title of article', Title of Journal, volume, issue, year, page range, Database [online database], accessed day month year.**


**Newspaper article – print**

• For newspapers and magazines, provide the full date.

• Provide newspaper section names (not in italics) following the title of the newspaper.

**Footnote**

**A. Author, 'Title of article', Title of Newspaper, Title of Section, day month year, page.**


**Bibliography**

**Author, A., 'Title of article', Title of Newspaper, Title of Section, day month year, page range.**


**Newspaper article – online, electronic database**

**Via the web**

• For newspapers and magazines, provide the full date.

• Provide relevant newspaper section names (not in italics) following the title of the newspaper.
Footnote

- Provide paragraph references for unpaginated articles.

**A. Author, ‘Title of article’, Title of Newspaper, Title of Section, day month year, paragraph reference, <URL> accessed day month year.**


Bibliography

**Author, A., ‘Title of article’, Title of Newspaper, Title of Section, day month year, <URL> accessed day month year.**


Via electronic database

- Place [online database] after database name.
- It is not necessary to include a URL for a well-known database.

Footnote

**A. Author, ‘Title of article’, Title of Newspaper, day month year, page, Database [online database], accessed day month year.**


Bibliography

**Author, A., ‘Title of article’, Title of Newspaper, day month year, page range, Database [online database], accessed day month year.**


Review in a periodical

The following example of a review is from an online newspaper.

Footnote

**Author of review, ‘Title of review’, review of Book Author, Title of reviewed book, in Title of Newspaper, Title of Newspaper Section, day month year, page/paragraph reference, <URL>, accessed day month year.**


Bibliography
Author of review, ‘Title of review’, review of Book Author, Title of reviewed book, in Title of Newspaper, Title of Newspaper Section, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Web, audiovisual

Sources not available to the general public, such as private Facebook pages, private wikis or email, should be treated as personal communications.

Website, webpage, web document

- Provide the full date of publication, if known.
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.
- If not paginated, provide information about the paragraph or section heading after the URL (to help readers access the source).

Footnote

A. Author, ‘Title of web section/article/document’, Title of Website [medium], day month year, page/paragraph/section name, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Bibliography

Author, A, ‘Title of web section/article/document’, Title of Website [medium], day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Specter, M., ‘The dangerous philosopher’, The graduate forum NYU [website], 2 Apr. 2001,
Social media

In all cases, you need to consider whether social media sources are appropriate and acceptable for inclusion in your assignment. If you are uncertain, check your unit guide or with your unit chair or lecturer.

Social networking accounts can either be open to the public or restricted to nominated readers or participants. Posts from private social media accounts are treated as personal communications. The following examples deal with public social media posts only.

- The author cited may be a username.
- Do not format the title of a social media website in italics.
- Provide the full date of the post.
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.

Footnote

A. Author/username/handle, ‘First few words of update/comment/post/tweet…’, Title of website, day month year posted, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Bibliography

Author, A./username/handle, ‘First few words of update/comment/post/tweet…’; Title of website, day month year posted, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Blog

- Note that the author of a blog post may be different to the author/editor of the blog.
- Include the medium as [blog post], if this is not obvious from the title of the post or the blog.
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.
- If not paginated, provide information about the paragraph or section heading.

Footnote

Author of post, ‘Title of post’, Title of blog [blog post], day month year, page/paragraph/section name, <URL>, accessed day month year.

Bibliography

Author of post, 'Title of Post', Title of Blog [blog post], day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Online audio, podcast

• The details of the footnote and bibliography entry are identical.
• Begin the citation with the title.
• For podcasts, include the titles of the episode and the series.
• If relevant, provide further details (such as the name of the director, interviewer or interviewee) after the title.
• To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.

‘Title of podcast episode’, Title of Series [podcast], Publisher, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Title of audio [online audio], Publisher, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Online video, vodcast

• The details of the footnote and bibliography entry are identical.
• Begin the citation with the title.
• For vodcasts, include the titles of the episode and the series.
• If relevant, provide further details (such as the name of the director, interviewer or interviewee) after the title.
• To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.
• If citing YouTube (or similar platforms), include the username of the person who uploaded the video in the publisher details.

Title of video [video], Publisher, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


‘Title of vodcast episode’, *Title of series* [vodcast], Publisher, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.


**Film, DVD, video**
- Details of the footnote and bibliography entry are identical.
- Begin the citation with the title.
- Cite the medium that you have accessed, e.g. [film], [DVD]. This is especially relevant if a DVD release is significantly different to the original cinematic release.

*Title of video/film [medium], dir. Director, Publisher, year.*

*Art in our time: toward a new MoMA* [DVD], dir. M. Blackwood, Michael Blackwood Productions, 2002.

**Television, radio**
- Cite television and radio programs using the following format only if accessed during a live broadcast. If accessed online, see Online audio, podcast or Online video, vodcast.
- The details of the footnote and bibliography entry are identical.
- Begin the citation with the title.
- If applicable, you may include season and series numbers after the title.

‘Title of episode’, *Title of series* [TV/radio program], series number episode number, Broadcast network, day month year.

‘The third man’, *Janet King* [TV program], Series 1 Episode 4, ABC1, 20 Mar. 2014.

‘Cemetery landscapers discuss the challenge of caring for the dead’, *Off track*, ABC Radio National, 22 June 2014.

**Other Sources**

**ABS statistics**
- The details of the footnote and bibliography entry are identical for ABS statistics sourced online.
- To avoid very long URLs, it is acceptable to cite the homepage URL of the website.

*Australian Bureau of Statistics, Title, catalogue number, day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.*

Conference paper

Published conference paper

- Published conference papers are cited according to the format in which they are published, e.g. book chapter, journal article.
- Conference papers that are not formally published, but available on a university repository or conference website, should be cited as unpublished conference papers – see below.

Unpublished conference paper

- Conference papers that are not formally published, but which may be available on a university repository or conference website, may be cited as in the example below.

Footnote

A. Author, 'Title of paper presented', paper presented to Name of Conference, Location, date of conference, page/paragraph reference, Database or <URL>, accessed day month year.


Bibliography

Author, A. 'Title of paper presented', paper presented to Name of Conference, Location, date of conference, page range, Database or <URL>, accessed day month year.


Course material

You should always check with unit staff to determine if citing lectures or course materials is appropriate and acceptable in your unit. Many units advise that it is not acceptable. Cite only if you have been given permission to do so.

Note that material that cannot be made available to the general public should be cited as personal communications in a footnote. In this case, do not provide an entry in the bibliography.

If you have been given permission, cite as follows.

A. Lecturer, 'Descriptive title including course code and/or title, University' [lecture notes], day month year.

5. L. Doolan, 'Week 2 Phenomenology, PHP367, Deakin University' [lecture notes online], 13 Apr. 2014.
Government publication

- Cite according to the source type, e.g. book (or print resource), webpage, web document.
- Include the jurisdiction (Commonwealth or State) if this is not clear from other bibliographic details.

Footnote

Government Department or other Author, Title, Publisher, Place of publication, year, page.


Government Department or other Author, Title, day month year, page/paragraph reference, <URL>, access date.


Bibliography

Government Department or other Author, Title, Publisher, Place of publication, year.


Government Department or other Author, Title [website], day month year, <URL>, access date.


If citing parliamentary debate (Hansard) or Australian law resources, refer to the Deakin guide to AGLC (Australian Guide to Legal Citation).

Media release

- For government media releases, include the jurisdiction (Commonwealth or State) before the author if this is not clear from other bibliographic details.

Footnote

Author, Title [media release], day month year, page/paragraph reference, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Bibliography

Author, Title [media release], day month year, <URL>, accessed day month year.

Personal communication

- Personal communications can include letters, emails, personal interviews, telephone conversations, private Facebook messages, university lectures or other materials not available to the general public.
- Details about personal communications are included in footnotes, but are not included in the bibliography.
- It is important to get the permission of the person referred to in your assignment.
- If you are required to include a copy of any personal communication in an appendix, include a reference to the appendix and a page/paragraph reference in the footnote.

Footnote

A. Family name, descriptive title of communication/subject, day month year, reference to appendix/page/paragraph (if applicable).


11. V. Grossi, video conference interview with author, 3 April 2014. See Appendix B.

Thesis

Footnote

A. Author, ‘Title’, Degree, Institution, Place, year, page, <URL>, accessed day month year.


Bibliography

Author, A., ‘Title’, Degree, Institution, Place, year, <URL>, accessed day month year.