# A Guide to Referencing in the Harvard Style

Note: There is a separate Harvard Guide for the Faculty of Life & Health Sciences.

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**Foreword**

This guide is recommended for all Ulster students using Harvard as their citation style, except those from Life & Health Sciences who have their own version of Harvard.

Law students (other than those taking a single law module as part on their studies) should use the Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (**OSCOLA**). A brief guide to legal citation, as well as the full OSCOLA document, can be found at: [www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/publications/oscola](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/research-subject-groups/publications/oscola)

Other referencing styles are available, e.g. APA, MLA, Vancouver etc., so if you are unsure which is the correct referencing style to follow, **always consult** your lecturer.

An online version of this guide with citation and referencing examples brought together is available from: [http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/harvardref/](http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/harvardref/) Also available are short online tutorials and tests to allow you to check your understanding of the principles of referencing.

Other books on referencing and plagiarism are available in the Library, e.g.


These texts do not follow the Ulster version of Harvard but do provide general information and examples of additional types of references not included in this guide. If you wish to use any of these reference types, you must translate the examples into the Ulster version of Harvard or ask your subject librarian for help.

When you submit work for external publication please follow the guidelines for authors issued to you by your publisher. These may differ from the guidelines set out here.

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1. Introduction

Why is referencing so important?

When writing a piece of academic work, you will need to refer in your text to material written or produced by others. It may involve direct quotation of text, or a summary of theories or ideas from another’s work. This referencing procedure is called ‘citing’. Failure to cite your sources correctly implies that what you have written is all your own work, when it is not. This amounts to plagiarism, which is against University Regulations. It doesn’t just apply to the written word. Ulster University says:

“Plagiarism is said to occur when ideas, texts, theories, data, created artistic artefacts or other material are presented without acknowledgement so that the person considering this work is given the impression that what they have before them is the student’s own original work when it is not”.

You can find out more about the University regulations from the Academic Office website: www.ulster.ac.uk/academicoffice/download/Policies/PlagiarismPolicy&Procedures.docx

Some other examples of plagiarism

- Self-plagiarism: Submitting your own previously assessed work without acknowledgement. You should not normally submit the same work for two separately assessed modules as it is poor academic practice, but if you do need to include something you have previous submitted, you must provide a reference for it. (See p.31)

- False citation (cheating) – making references up that do not exist to pad out your reference list, or to provide false authority for points in your essay that you cannot otherwise support.

- Rogeting: The act of modifying a published source by substituting synonyms for key words, to attempt to fool plagiarism detection software.

- Soliciting work from others (e.g. individuals, ‘editors’ or essay banks etc.)

- Copying from other students or permitting other students to copy your work (collusion).

Note about group work: if there is any element of permitted group work in the assignment, you must be very clear about who has done what. You must not claim credit for the work of another member of the group.
2. The Harvard System (Author/Date Method)

All statements, opinions, conclusions etc. taken from another writer's work - print, online or multimedia, should be cited, whether the work is directly quoted, paraphrased or summarised. Paraphrasing is rewriting text using your own words, phrasing and interpretation. Consistency and accuracy are important to enable readers to identify and locate the material to which you have referred. The same set of rules should be followed every time you cite a reference.

Referencing is a two-part process:

1. Citing within the text
2. References at the end of the work

In Harvard, cited publications are referred to in the text by giving the author’s surname/family name and the year of publication (see Citing in the text) and are listed in a reference list or bibliography at the end of the text (see References at the end of a piece of work)

General guidelines

Authors/originators:

Give the name(s) of the person or organisation shown most prominently in the source as responsible for the published content. This includes editors of works, who may not have written an individual contribution. For web sites, this may be the publisher of the web site if no identifiable individual is found. If an item is the co-operative work of many individuals, none of whom has a dominant role, you may use the title instead.

Do not include author titles or qualifications (Sir, Lady, Professor, Dr, etc.) either in the in-text citation or the bibliography.

If the item is a creative work, e.g., music, theatrical performance or artwork, use the composer, playwright or artist, as appropriate. Where none of these options is apparent and there is clearly no identifiable person/body responsible, use ‘Anon.’.

General note: Although both terms are often used interchangeably, a reference list specifically comprises only those items you have cited in the text. A bibliography is a complete list of all references you have consulted, including materials or sources used in ‘reading around’ the subject, as well as those cited in the text.

It is important that you check whether you are required to submit a reference list OR a bibliography OR both, when you submit a piece of work.

If you must also include a bibliography in addition to a reference list, it should appear as a separate section, with sources listed using the same rules as the Reference section.
Dates:

If an exact year or date is not known, you may use an approximate date preceded by 'ca.' e.g. (ca.1940). If no such approximation is possible, use (no date). For web pages, it may be preferable to cite the year in which the page was accessed, e.g. (ca. 2009), rather than (no date). If the production date of the work, e.g. artwork, spans more than one year, give the range of years, e.g. (1520-3)

Person-to-person communications (letters, emails, interviews, etc.):


- These do not provide recoverable data and so are not included in the reference list.
- Cite personal communications in the text only.
- Give initials as well as the surname and status and/or occupation of the person.
- Provide an exact date as possible.
- When citing research data and communications that you have collected, it is also advisable to include copies or summaries of source data in Appendices.

  e.g. According to Professor J.O. Reiss, many designers do not understand the needs of disabled people (personal communication, April 18, 1997, see Appendix 1).

3. Citing within the Text – General Guidelines

1. Quotations: If the quotation is less than a line, include it in the body of the text in double quotation marks. The quotation is followed immediately with the in-text citation.

  e.g. Northern Ireland’s economic development “lies primarily not in the hands of the government but of companies.” (Quigley, 2015 p.43)

  Longer quotations should be indented, single-spaced and appear in double quotation marks. If necessary, use an ellipsis, which is three full stops (...) to cut unwanted words from a long quotation and show the reader that text has been omitted.

  e.g. “Ultimately, however, it is important to realize that the drive for codes of ethics… is never going to ‘solve the management of business ethics… A code… cannot be expected to be a substitute for organizational contexts, supportive of ethical reflection, debate and decision making, or decision makers with strong personal integrity.” (Crane and Matten, 2010 p.201)
Quotations from plays.

Published plays may contain line numbers, particularly in classic texts such as Shakespeare. If they exist, include them in the format, Act number.Scene number:Line number(s).

e.g. “I prithee do not mock me fellow student” (Shakespeare, 1998, 1.2:177)

Time stamps (Audio-visual sources)

Citing a specific point in an online video, DVD or film is the equivalent of a quotation from a printed text. Include the creator/uploader or work title, as appropriate, the year of creation/upload and then specify how many minutes and seconds into the file that the relevant section starts. Use hours:minutes:seconds in the 24 hour clock format.

e.g. (Busari, 2017, 00:04:51)

2. Pagination: when citing quotations from particular parts of the document you should give the relevant page number(s) after the year and within the brackets.

e.g. (Jones, 2009 p.4) or (Elliot, 2013 pp.41-42)

If the pagination is absent, e.g. on a web page, this detail is not needed.

If citing from devices such as Kindle, Kobo, smartphones or tablets, pagination may also be absent. In this case, use the information you do have, such as %, loc, etc.

e.g. (Chevalier, 1999 18%) or (Bryson, 1998 loc 2477)

3. Summaries or paraphrases: give the citation where it occurs naturally or at the end of the relevant sentence or paragraph. Page numbers are not required.

4. Tables, diagrams, illustrations, photographs, film stills or screenshots: If you reproduce any diagrams, figures, images or tables from a printed, online or cinematic source, you should provide, underneath, a figure or table number and a caption (brief description), along with an in-text citation acknowledging its source.

   For films, include the title of the film in italics, with the director and year in brackets.

   You must include the full details of the source in your reference list in the usual way.

Note: for the purposes of academic work, data in vertical columns and horizontal rows (with headings for each) are labelled as ‘Tables’. Maps, diagrams, graphs, illustrations or any type of visual source, are generally labelled as ‘Figures’.
e.g.

Figure 3. Piaget’s ‘Three Mountains Task’ (Boyd and Bee, 2013 p.184)

Table 1. Marginal cost and marginal revenue (Atkins and Johns, 2001 p.28)

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e.g.

Figure 2. *North by Northwest* (Hitchcock, 1959)
5. **Music Notations:** captions are given above the notation and start with the sequential example number (e.g. Example 1, Example 2). Provide the following details as necessary: Example number, composer, title, movement (if appropriate) or section (if appropriate), and bar number or numbers.

   e.g.   Example 1: Schumann, String quartet Op. 41 No. 2, Andante, quasi variazioni, bars 1-3

![music notation]

6. **Text or script from videos, films or broadcasts:** treat this as though it was a quotation taken from a published work, but without page numbering.

   e.g.   “In Love with the Groove” (Walkers Snacks Advertisement, 2011)

   If the text, quotation or script is from a foreign language film or broadcast, with English subtitles, treat as above but add [subtitles] directly after the quoted text.

7. **Online sources:** when citing material found on a website, you should identify the authorship of the website. This could be an organisation or a company if a personal author is not obvious – the URL (or web address) may provide a guide as to authorship.

   A publication date may be found at the bottom of the page where it is included in a copyright statement or from a date in the headline. As webpages are unlikely to include a specific page reference, this may be omitted.

   **Never** insert the URL (web address) in the body of the text as part of the citation.

   e. g.   A leading supermarket reports that “the ‘big shop’ is dying – consumers want fresh and daily.” (Tesco, 2015).

8. **Social media hashtags (#):** you should not cite or reference hashtags, other than descriptively in the body of the text.

8. **Abbreviations/Acronyms:** names of organisations may be abbreviated once they have been given in full at the first time of use in the text, e.g. Office of National Statistics (ONS, 2010). You must always give the FULL version of organisational names in the Reference List.

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3.1 Examples of Citing in the Text

If the author's name occurs naturally in the sentence, only the year is given in brackets:

e.g. According to Pritchard (2013), people may have a partiality for one type of learning style over others...

e.g. As Cottrell (2013, p.97) indicates, “your performance as a student is likely to improve if you...reflect on how you learn”, so that you...

If the name does not occur naturally in the sentence, both name and year are given in brackets, separated by a comma:

e.g. Whether drug companies have created the market for ‘depression’ (Healy, 2005) or merely react to it...

When more than one source is cited, the sequence of citations may be either chronological,

e.g. (Smith, 1999; Jones, 2001; Turner, 2006) or in order of academic relevance. Whichever you choose, you should be consistent within your piece of work.

When an author has published more than one cited document in the same year, these are distinguished by adding lower case letters (a, b, c, etc.) after the year and within the brackets:

e.g. Johnson (1994a) discussed the subject...

Note: The addition of letters is determined by the order of appearance within the main text, not by the alphabetical sequence of the items themselves.

If there are TWO authors give the surnames of both:

e.g. Balmer and Swisher (2013) discuss methods of architectural composition...

For MORE than two authors give only the surname of the first author, followed by et al.

e.g. Discussing the crisis of the welfare state, Alcock et al. (2008) suggest it truly began in the 1970s....

Note: A full listing of names should appear in the list of references.

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If the work is anonymous then use “Anon.”

e.g. In a commentary referring to the global financial collapse (Anon., 2009) the responsibility of financial regulators was discussed.

If it is a reference to a newspaper article without an author you may use the name of the newspaper in place of Anon.

e.g. Although it is believed that the UK economy is growing slowly, others suggest that the economy is on a ‘plateau’ (The Guardian, 2011).

Note: You should use the same style in the list of references.

If it is a live performance of an orchestral work, cite the composer and year of performance.

e.g. (Vivaldi, 2015)

If it is a live performance by an instrumentalist or a singer, cite the artist(s) surname(s) and year of performance.

e.g. Boe and Ball (2017) performed to a packed Lincoln Castle audience…

If it is a live performance by a band, cite the band’s full name and year of performance.

e.g. Queens of the Stone Age (2013) rocked the Odyssey in Belfast…

If it is a live performance of a play, cite the playwright's surname and year of performance.

e.g. (Friel, 2012)

If you refer to a contributor to a larger source, e.g. a book chapter in an edited work, you should only cite the contributor.

e.g. While questioning may appear to be a straightforward form of communication, it is in fact a more complex and versatile occurrence (Dickson and Hargie, 2006).

See References at the end of a piece of work for an explanation of how to list contributions (book chapters, journal articles, conference papers) in the list of references
If you wish to refer to an author (e.g. Allen) whose work has been cited by someone else (e.g. Parker), this is called secondary referencing. You should cite both authors and the dates of their work within the text:

e.g. A study by Allen (2001, cited by Parker, 2009) showed that…

You should list only the work you have read, i.e. Parker, in your references.

Note: Secondary referencing is not usually encouraged as you have only read Parker’s interpretation of Allen’s work. You may wish to source Allen’s original text and then cite it in the normal way.

If you refer to a person who has not produced a work, or contributed to one, but who is quoted in someone else’s work, you should mention the person’s name and you must cite the source author.

e.g. Richard Hammond stressed the part psychology plays in advertising in an interview with Marshall (1999).

e.g. “Advertising will always play on peoples’ desires”, Richard Hammond said in a recent article (Marshall, 1999 p.67).

(You should list the work that has been published, i.e. Marshall, in the list of references.)

4. List of References at the End of Your Work

General guidelines

1. In the Harvard style, the references are listed in alphabetical order of authors’ surnames (or family name) or by organisational name, if relevant.

2. Where possible, take reference elements from the title page of the publication.

3. Only include the reference once in the reference list, regardless of how many times it has been cited in the text.

4. For book titles, book chapter titles, journal article titles, musical works or artworks, only the first word of the title is given a capital letter, e.g. The complete guide to referencing and avoiding plagiarism.

5. For journal names, titles of conference proceedings, films, TV or radio programmes each major word is capitalised (i.e. not ‘of’, ‘a’, ‘to’, ‘and’ etc.), e.g. 3rd International Conference on Sustainable Tourism, Harvard Business Review, Urban Studies, British Journal of Social Work, Game of Thrones, Infinity Wars etc.
6. If quote marks are present within a book or journal title, use single quote marks.

7. For place of publication, give the city. If more than one town/city is listed give the first one or the location of the publisher’s head office. If the town/city is not well known, you may also add a county, region or state. Note that in the United States of America states are denoted by a two letter code, for example Hillsdale, NJ.

8. List Mc and Mac prefixed names in strict alphabetical order, e.g. Mable, MacArthur, Macomb, MacQuillan, McCallister, McLaughlin, McWilliams… Meenan, Mkandla etc.

9. If you have cited more than one item by a particular author, they should be listed chronologically (earliest first), and by letter (1993a, 1993b) if more than one item has been published in the same year.

10. For the publisher’s name, omit superfluous terms such as Publishers, Co., or Inc. Always retain the words Books or Press.

11. Where the publisher is a university and the place or location is included in the name of the university, do not include the place of publication.

12. Where authorship is attributed to an organisation or corporation instead of an individual author, ascribe authorship to the organisation, e.g. The Economic and Social Research Council.

Each reference should use the elements and punctuation given in the following examples for the different types of published work you may have cited.

### 4.1 Referencing Printed Materials

#### Books (including those written in languages other than English)

Author’s/Editor’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of book. Edition. (only include the edition number if it is not the first) Place of publication: Publisher.

**One author**


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One editor (if more than one editor, use eds.)


Two or more authors


Multiple works by the same author

Where there are several works by one author, published in the same year, they should be differentiated by adding a lowercase letter after the date and inside the brackets.


Remember that this letter must also be consistent with the citations in the text.

Where a lead author has also published jointly with others, list single author publications first, in publication date order, followed by joint publications in alphabetical order by second or subsequent authors. If joint authors are identical, then list in order of year of publication.


Translated book

Author’s or Editor’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) *Title of book*. Edition (if not the first). Translated by First name (or INITIAL(s)). Surname. Place of Publication: Publisher.


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Contribution or chapter in an edited work

Contributing author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of contribution/chapter. Followed by In: Surname, INITIAL(s)., of author or editor of publication followed by ed. or eds. (if relevant) Title of book. Edition. (if it is not the first) Place of publication: Publisher, Page number(s) of contribution.


Encyclopaedia or dictionary entry (without an editor)

Short form title/publisher (Year of publication) Title of contribution. In: Title of source. Edition. (if not the first) Media type (if not print). Place: Publisher.


Encyclopaedia or dictionary entry (with an editor)

Contributing author’s Surname, INITIALS. (Year) Title of contribution. In: Surname, INITIALS of editor of publication followed by ed. or eds. if relevant. Title of book, Volume number (if separate volumes). Edition (if not the first). Place of publication: Publisher, page numbers of contribution.


Journal article

Author’s surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of article. Title of Journal, volume number and (part number), Page numbers of the article.


Newspaper article

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (or Newspaper Title) (Year of publication) Title of article. Title of Newspaper, day and month, page number/s.

Conference paper published in an edited work

Contributing author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of paper. In: Surname, INITIAL(s), editor of proceedings (if applicable) followed by ed. or eds. Title of Conference, Date, Place of conference. Place of publication: Publisher, Page numbers of contribution.


Unpublished conference paper (including poster presentation)

Contributing author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year presented) Title of contribution. Followed by Unpublished poster/conference paper presented at: Title of Conference, Day(s) and Month, Place of conference.


Report by a company/organisation

Name of Issuing Body (Year of publication) Title of publication. Place of publication: Publisher, Report Number (where relevant).

e.g. Northern Ireland Social Care Council (2019) Standards of conduct and practice for social workers. Belfast: NISCC.


e.g. BSRIA (2013) Domestic ventilation systems – a guide to measuring airflow rates. Bracknell: BSRIA.

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British, European or International Standards

Name of authoring authorisation (Year) *Number and Title of standard*. Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). If viewed online, add Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Cochrane Library: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Author Surname, INITIALS. (Year) Title of systematic review. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*, Issue. Art. No.: .doi.


Datasets

Creator(s) Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of dataset. In: Editor(s) or Compiler(s) Surname, INITIAL(s). *Title of book*. Edition, if more than first. Place of publication: Publisher, Version/Number, if available, page number(s).


Government and Official Publications

Command papers

These include government policy documents (green papers and white papers); reports from investigative bodies, including Royal Commissions and the Competition Commission; administrative reports and statistics.

Name of Department/Committee/Royal Commission (Year of publication) *Title of publication*. Place of publication: Publisher (Command Paper Abbreviation and Number).


Parliamentary papers

Great Britain

House. Name of Committee (Year of publication) Title. Place of Publication: Publisher (House Session Years Paper Number).


Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Assembly. Name of Committee (Year of publication) Title. Place of Publication: Publisher (Report Number).


Hansard

HC or HL Deb Date of proceedings, vol number, column number.

e.g. HC Deb 5 December 2011, vol 537, col 8.

Departmental report

Name of Department (Year) Title of report. Place of Publication: Publisher.

If the author and publisher are identical, an abbreviation may be used for publisher instead.


Inter-Governmental Organisations

Name of Organisation (and main body, if relevant) (Year) Title of report. Place of publication: Publisher.

If viewed online, add Available from: URL [Accessed date].

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For other UN documents, e.g. treaties or items with UN document numbers, please refer to OSCOLA's Citing International Law Sources guide.

**Legislation (Statutes and Orders in Council)**

**Acts of Parliament (Westminster)**

Short Title Year, section number(sub-section)(paragraph)

e.g. Children and Young Persons Act 2008

e.g. Human Rights Act 1998, s 15(1)(b)

**Northern Ireland Statutes**

- Acts of the Northern Ireland Parliament (1921-1972) have (NI) before the Year.
- Acts of the Assembly (1998 onwards) have (Northern Ireland) before the Year.

Short title (NI or Northern Ireland) Year, section number(sub-section)(paragraph)

e.g. Electoral Law Act (NI) 1962, s 108

e.g. Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 s 46(3)(a)

**Orders in Council** (NI legislation Issued at Westminster, e.g. during periods of Direct Rule)

Short Title (Northern Ireland) Order Year, art number(paragraph)(sub-paragraph)

e.g. Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, art 66

e.g. Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986, art 12(1)(b)

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Legislation (European Union)

Treaties and Protocols

Directives and Regulations

Case Law (UK and Republic of Ireland)

Law Reports (both print and online)
• Cite any law reports accessed via Library databases as if they were print.

Party names (separated by a v, if appropriate) [Year published] volume number (if relevant) Abbreviation for Law Report series Starting page of case (Court abbreviation, if necessary).
e.g. Nothman v London Borough of Barnet [1979] 1 WLR 67 (HL).
e.g. Re A (conjoined twins) [2000] 4 All ER 961 (CA).
e.g. R v McCullough [1999] NI 39.

Neutral citations
• Introduced to identify online judgments independent of any law report series. Cases are numbered consecutively throughout the year.

Party names (separated by a v) [Year heard] Court Abbreviation Case number.
e.g. NI Housing Executive v Healthy Buildings (Ireland) Ltd [2014] NICA 27.

Note: where both a print and neutral citation is available, cite both (neutral citation first). Separate the citations by a comma.
e.g. AR v Homefirst Community Trust [2005] NICA 8, [2005] NI 435.

For all other legal reference types, see the OSCOLA guide.
Thesis or dissertation

Author's Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of thesis. Designation, (type). Name of institution to which submitted. (If Ulster, use the name of the University at the time of submission, e.g. ‘University of Ulster’ or ‘Ulster University’)

e.g. Keig, P. (2010) An investigation into retrofitting an existing social housing solid wall terraced house using the Trias Energetica concept and Passivhaus principles to reduce CO2 emissions by 80%. Dissertation, (MSc). University of Ulster.


4.2 Film, TV and Radio

Films (including Shorts and Experimental)

Title of Film (Year of release) [Medium or Streaming]. Directed by. Place of Production, if known: Distributor. If viewed via a streaming service add, Available from: URL of the item on the streaming service [Viewed date].

Note: [Film] denotes a film viewed at a cinema or other public performance.


e.g. Some Mother’s Son (2011) [DVD]. Directed by Terry George. London: Warner.


Film Trailer

Title of Film (Year of release) [Trailer]. Directed by. Place of production, if known: Distributor. If accessed online, add Available from: URL [Accessed date].


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Amateur Films

*Title of Film* (Year of production) If not known, use (no date) [Amateur film]. Directed by. If accessed online, add Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Film Review (Print)

Reviewer Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of review, if appropriate. Review of *Title of Film*. Directed by. Distributor. *Title of Journal*, volume number and (part number) or Day and Month of publication, Page numbers of the review.


Film Review (online)

Reviewer Surname, INITIAL(s). (year) Title of review, if appropriate. Review of *Title of Film*. Directed by. Distributor. Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Film Commentaries on DVD /Blu-ray

Commentator Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Director’s commentary, *Title of Film*. [DVD] or [Blu-ray]. Directed by. Place of production, if known: Distributor.

TV and Radio.

Programmes and series: give the number and title of the episode, as well as the series title, the transmitting organisation and channel, the full date and time of transmission.

- If the programme has been viewed via a catch-up service, include original broadcast date and add Available from: URL [Viewed date].

- If the programme has been viewed via a subscription-based streaming service, omit channel, date and time of broadcast. Add Available from: ‘core’ URL [Viewed date].

*Programme Title* (Year of broadcast) Series/Season, episode number, Title of episode, if known [Medium]. Name of Channel, Day and Month of broadcast, Time of broadcast using 24 hour clock.

e.g.  *World at One* (2016) [Radio]. BBC Radio 4, 5 February, 13:00 hrs.

e.g.  *Evening News* (2016) [TV]. ITV, 15 November, 18:30 hrs.

e.g.  *Employable Me* (2017) Series 2, episode 2 [TV]. BBC Two, 4 December, 21:00 hrs. Available from:  [www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09hzr2r/employable-me-series-2-episode-2](www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09hzr2r/employable-me-series-2-episode-2) [Viewed 21 December 2017].


Programme Contributions: individual items within a programme should be cited as contributors


Standalone media products

Author or Originator, if known (Year of distribution or release) *Title* [Format]. Production details, i.e. Place of distribution: Distributor/Organisation.


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4.3 Performing Arts

Music

Album

Artist (Release year) *Title of album*. [Format] Place of distribution: Distributor:

e.g. Pink Floyd (1973) *Dark side of the moon*. [Vinyl] London: Harvest Records.

Music track from album

Artist (Release year) Title of track. *In: Title of album*. [Format] Place of distribution, if known: Distributor/Label.


Music track from compilation album

Artist (Release year) Title of track. *In: Various (Year of release, if different) Title of album*. [Format] Place of distribution, if known: Distributor.


Music download.

Artist (Year of Distribution) *Title of recording*. [Download]. Available from: URL [Downloaded date].

e.g. Tom Odell (2013) See if I care. [Download]. Available from: www.amazon.co.uk/See-If-I-Care/dp/B00D3T51O1 [Downloaded 28 November 2017].

Liner notes

Author Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of Liner notes. *In: Title of recording*. [Format liner notes] Place of Distribution: Distributor.


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Scores and sheet music

Composer’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of Publication) Title of score. [Score] Editor, Arranger or Scorer (if appropriate) First name Surname. Place of Publication: Publisher.


Score in a collected work.

Composer’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year published) Title of score, In: Title of collection. [Score] Editor, Arranger or Scorer, First name Surname. Place of Publication: Publisher.


Lyrics from songs/hymns

Lyricist(s) (Year of Distribution) Title of song. Place of Distribution: Distributor.

e.g. Martin, H. and Blane, R. (1944) Have yourself a merry little Christmas. New York: Decca Records.

Play (Text)

Classic plays are available in edited editions or series. Include the editor’s name and series.

Playwright’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of Publication) Title of work. Edition information, (Series) if relevant. Place of publication: Publisher.


Single work in a compilation (no editor)


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Single work in an edited compilation.


Live Performance

Plays or theatrical works

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of performance) Title of work. Directed by. Performance Company (if appropriate). Location: Venue, Day and Month.


Orchestral Concert or Recital

Composer’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of performance) Title of piece. Performed by First name Surname. Conducted by. Location: Venue, Day and Month.


Band or Singer

Artist or Group Name (Year of performance) Location: Venue, Day and Month.

e.g. Absolute Bowie Band (2019) Dublin: Voodoo Lounge, 14 September.

e.g. Adele (2016) Belfast: SSE Arena, 29 February.
4.4 Creative Arts

Individual art works

Include the medium. Common mediums include oil on canvas, watercolour, etching, acrylic, sculpture, ceramic, textile, photograph, projection etc.

- If the artist is unknown, use Anon. or start with the title of the work.
- If an exact year is not known, you may use an approximate date preceded by ‘ca.’
- If privately owned, give Private collection, in place of Location and Institution.
- If viewed online, add Available from: URL [Accessed date].

Artist’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of production, if known,) Title of artwork [Medium]. Location: Institution or collection housing the artwork.


e.g. Withers, D. (ca. 2012) Greyhound sprint II [Clay]. Private collection.


Artwork/Image reproduction in books

Artist’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of production) Title of work [Medium]. In: Author Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of book. Edition, if more than 1st. Place of publication: Publisher, page number.


Photographs

Photographer/Artist’s Surname, INITIALS. (Year) Title of image. [Format] (Collection details as available).

e.g. Beaton, C. (1944) China 1944: a mother resting her head on a sick child’s pillow in the Canadian Mission Hospital in Chengtu. [Photograph] (Imperial War Museum Collection).

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Photograph in a publication

If the photograph is in a publication, add the referencing details of the book or article.


Exhibition or Gallery Catalogue

Author or Artist Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of exhibition. Location or place of publication: Institution/Gallery.

If there is no author or artist, begin with the title of the exhibition.


e.g. Club to catwalk: London fashion in the 1980s (2013) London: V&A.

Exhibitions

Title of exhibition (Year) [Exhibition]. Location: Gallery or Institution. Date(s) of exhibition.

e.g. Ai Weiwei: circle of animals / zodiac heads (2017) [Exhibition]. West Bretton: Yorkshire Sculpture Park. 6 May 2017 – 22 April 2018

Exhibits and Installations

Artist Surname, INITIAL(s) (Production date) Title of exhibit/installation [Installation] or [Exhibit]. Location: Gallery or Institution.

4.5 Referencing Online Materials

GENERAL NOTE:

If online materials are also available in printed format, then reference these items as print sources regardless of how they have viewed them, e.g.

E-books accessed via the Library catalogue or Safari Tech Books Online

Journal articles downloaded from Library e-resources, such as USearch or database collections, may be referenced as printed articles so long as they are in pdf format.

If in doubt, students should reference the material as an online source.

Note: when referencing websites, omit http:// from the URL, unless www is absent.

Lecture/tutorial notes downloaded from Blackboard Learn are not regarded as ‘published’ materials. They are intended as pointers to such sources rather than as source materials in themselves. In other words, students should not reference them in their coursework.

However, scanned material obtained from the module reading list on Blackboard Learn should be referenced the same as the original print sources.

Electronic book (if not accessed via Library catalogue)

Author’s/Editor’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title. Edition (if not the first). Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Ebook readers, e.g. Kindle, Kobo, etc.

Author’s/Editor’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title. Edition (if not the first). Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Downloaded Date].


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Online Journal Articles

If the online article is identical in layout and pagination to the printed version, e.g. a pdf, reference it as if it was print. If not, reference it, using the following options:

HTML (browser) version of article obtained from a Library Database

Give only the ‘core’ database URL, e.g. www.emeraldinsight.com, www.proquest.co.uk, etc.

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of article. Journal Title, volume (issue), page numbers (if available). Available from: Database ‘core’ URL [Accessed Date].


Article from a true Electronic Journal, i.e. available online only with no print equivalent.

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of article. Journal Title, volume (issue), page numbers (if available).


Articles with a Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

If a journal article has been allocated a DOI, omit Available from: URL and [Accessed date]. These are not required - the DOI is a permanent digital address.


In Press, Forthcoming or Advanced Access Articles

- Use DOI if available, otherwise add Available from: URL [Accessed date], as the article has not yet been assigned a precise volume, issue number or pagination:

Author Surname(s), INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of article. Journal Title, In Press. DOI or Available from: [Accessed date].

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**Newspaper article from a Library database**

If the newspaper article in a Library database provides a page number, cite as print (p12). If no page numbers are supplied, give the ‘core’ database URL, e.g. www.nexis.com, www.proquest.co.uk, etc., so:

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). or Newspaper Title (Year) Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, Day and Month. Available from: URL [Accessed date].


**Newspaper’s online edition, i.e. webpage, without page numbers**

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (or Newspaper Title) (Year) Title of article. *Title of Newspaper* [Online], Day and Month. Available from: Full URL [Accessed date].


**Web page with an author**

Author's /Editor's Surname, INITIAL(s). Year. *Title*. Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


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Web page with an organisation as author

Name of Organisation (Year of publication/revision) Title of web page. Place of publication: Publisher. Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Web page without an author

You may use the web page title if neither author nor organisation is identifiable:

Title of web page (Year of Publication/revision) Place of Publication: Publisher (if known). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Note: If a web page has no identifiable author, organisation or title, students are advised to exercise caution in using such a source in their academic work.

Online Datasets

Some data repositories may have their own citing guidance, otherwise, follow as below:

Creator(s) Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of dataset. [Format]. Version/Number, if available. Publisher, Organisation or Repository. DOI or Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Online report with an author

Author’s/Editor’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title. Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


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Online report by a company/organisation

Name of Issuing Body (Year of publication) Title. Place of publication: Publisher. Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Online conference paper

Contributing author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of contribution. Followed by In: Surname, INITIAL(s)., of editor of proceedings (if applicable) followed by ed. or eds. if relevant. Title of Conference including date and place of conference. Place of publication: Publisher (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Photographs/images accessed online

To obtain the URL and file extension for the image, where available, right click on the image and (depending on your browser), select ‘properties’, ‘copy image address’ or ‘image info’.

Photographer/Artist’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of publication) Title of image [Media type]. Place of publication: Publisher (of image) if known. Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


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Podcast, Screencast and Webinar

Although this type of media may be downloaded onto portable devices, you should always reference where they were published or displayed for download.

Author/Presenter’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of production) Title [Media type]. Day and Month (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed Date].


Online Video or File sharing sites, e.g. YouTube, Slideshare, etc.

Use originator/author if ascertainable, otherwise use title.

Author/Originator. (Year) Title of video or presentation. Place of publication or production (if ascertainable): Publisher or producer (if ascertainable). Available from: URL [Accessed date].


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Blogs, Vlogs and Wikis

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year) Title of entry. Blog, Vlog or wiki name. Day and month of posting. Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Social Networking sites

Twitter

Author’s Surname, INITIAL(s). and (Twitter handle) (Year of posting) Full text of tweet. Twitter. Day, month and time of posting, using 24 hr clock. Available from: URL [Accessed date]. If the real name is not known, begin with the Twitter handle.


Facebook

Contributor Surname, INITIAL(s) or Organisation Name. (Year of posting) Title or short description of post. Facebook. Day, Month and time of posted message, using 24 hour clock. Available from: URL [Accessed date].


Mobile Applications (Apps)

Developer or Author Surname, INITIAL(s). (Year of release) Title of App (Version, if 1.1 or above) [Mobile app]. Available from: URL [Accessed date].


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Computer program or software

Author (Year) Title of Program (Version, if 1.1 or above) [Computer program]. Location: Distributor (if known).


If downloaded from the internet

Author (Year) Title of Program (Version, if 1.1 or above) [Computer program]. Available from: [Downloaded date].

e.g. Banjo (2011) Making Things (Version 3.1) [Computer program]. Available at www.banjo.com/downloads/makthinv3.asp [Downloaded 3 September 2012]

Computer/Video Games

This includes physical copies of games played on a range of platforms, e.g. Xbox or PS4, or those downloaded from an online site.

Company or Developer (Year released) Title of Game Version or Edition (if more than first release or version) [Computer game]. Place of publication or distribution, if known: Distributor. If online, add Available from: URL [Downloaded date].


5. Plagiarism, Self-Plagiarism, Copyright and RefWorks

Remember that you must always acknowledge your source every time you refer to someone else’s work. Failure to do so counts as plagiarism which is against University regulations and is treated as a serious offence. The University’s policy and framework of penalties for dealing with plagiarism offences is available from the Academic Office website: http://www.ulster.ac.uk/academicoffice/download/Policies/PlagiarismPolicy&Procedures.docx

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Where previously assessed work is used, the in-text citation should take the form, e.g.:

This issue was discussed in an assignment (Smith, 2013) which addressed…

The full reference should take the format:


For academic staff, the general rule of thumb to avoid self-plagiarism is that, in processing a manuscript for journal publication, it must be 30% different to those submitted elsewhere.

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Managing your References using RefWorks

The Ulster-Harvard Style is available as an option to users of the RefWorks bibliographic management software. This software allows you to export, save and organise references found in databases, the library catalogue, Google Scholar, or input references manually, and to automatically produce a reference list in the style of your choice in a matter of seconds.

The Library runs regular RefWorks training sessions. For further information about RefWorks see the Library Guides at: http://guides.library.ulster.ac.uk/refworks

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