Chicago 17th Ed. Bibliography and Footnotes Guide

In Chicago style, footnotes or endnotes are used to reference pieces of work in the text.

- To cite from a source a superscript number is placed after a quote or a paraphrase.
- Citation numbers should appear in sequential order.
- Each number then corresponds to a citation, a footnote or to an endnote.
- Endnotes must appear on an endnotes page. The page should be titled Notes (centered at top). This page should appear immediately before the bibliography page.
- Footnotes must appear at the bottom of the page that they are referred to.

Footnotes/Endnotes

The first time the in-text reference is cited you must include, author’s first name, author’s last name, title, place of publication, publisher name, year and referenced pages. e.g.


If the citation has already been cited it may be shortened to author’s last name, shortened title, and page referenced number. e.g.


If the citation has been referenced immediately prior, the note may be shortened even further to ibid with the page number. e.g.

3. Ibid., 786.

Fundamentals of Chicago Citation

From the Writing Center at the Academic Resource Center

John Tyler Community College
Generally, Chicago/Turabian citations require:

- Author
- Title of book/article
- Title of newspaper/journal
- Publication year
- Publication month and date
- Publisher
- City of publication
- Date of access
- Page numbers
- URL or DOI (for some online sources)

What to Document/Cite:

- Direct quotations
- Paraphrases and summaries
- Information and ideas that are not common knowledge, or are not available in a common reference work
- Any information that you have borrowed, or anything that could be interpreted as your own if not cited
- Contributor Information and Titles
- Section 14.72 of The Chicago Manual of Style details author formatting for both footnotes and reference pages.

Organizing Your Bibliography

- Arrange citations entries in a reference list alphabetically by the author’s last name.
Multiple works by different authors with the same last name should be alphabetized by the authors’ first initials.

If a work is authored by a group or corporation, it should be listed as an author and alphabetized by the first word in the group’s name.

Alberto, Alexandra.

Capitalization Rules

Capitalization for titles in Chicago style follows standard “headline capitalization” rules. Capitalize the following:

- The first and last word of article or publication titles
- All major words in a title, including:
  - Nouns
  - Pronouns
  - Adjectives
  - Verbs
- For more information on capitalization and titling, see section 14.93 of The Chicago Manual of Style.