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Vancouver Style Citations

General Formatting Rules

- Reference citations in-text using bracketed numbers or superscripted numbers.
 - **Example:**
 - The outcomes were ascertained by performing tests on plasma that looked for biomarkers. [1]
 - The outcomes were ascertained by performing tests on plasma that looked for biomarkers.¹
- In-text citations go after periods or commas when at the end of a sentence. Citation should, however, be placed before a colon or semicolon.
 - **Example:**
 - Outcomes for the studies showed conflicting impacts of the treatment methods. [2]
 - Null outcome result studies were difficult to find [1]; only two such studies had been published between 2000 and 2010. [3-4]
- Number citations in the order that they are mentioned and use the same number for the reference even if it is mentioned later in the text.
 - **Example:**
 - One well-done aspect of the study design was that no one was lost to follow-up. [1] Usually, longitudinal studies lose a certain percentage of participants each year as the study continues. [2] In this study, there was no loss of participants, and this was due in part to the ease of participation that was put in place in the study design. [1]
- Multiple references within the same location in text should be separated by commas (or dashes if sequential) when they are listed.
 - **Example:**
 - Multi-year studies are complex to facilitate but also provide more information than a single-year study would. [2,5-7,10]
- The reference list should be on its own page, and the references should be listed in the numerical order in which they appear.
 - **Example:**
 1. Nayyerabadi M, Fourcade L, Joshi SA, Chandrasekaran P, Chakravarti A, Massé C, et al. Vaccination after developing long covid. International Journal of Infectious Diseases [Internet]. 2023 Nov [cited 2023 Jan];136:136–45. doi:10.1016/j.ijid.2023.09.006
 2. Kukull WA, Ganguli M. Generalizability: The trees, the forest, and the low-hanging fruit. Neurology [Internet]. 2012 [cited 2023 Jan];78(23):1886–91. doi:10.1212/wnl.0b013e318258f812
- Reference list should be single-spaced with a double space left in between each reference.

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Books: General Formatting Tips

For online accessed books, include the URL link at the end of the citation

General Format	Author(s). Title. Edition. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Length.
<i>Example</i>	Grant H and Martin D. Science Literature. 3 rd Edition. Toronto: Spring; 2020. 100 p.
General Format for Electronic Publications	Author(s). Title. Edition [Internet]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. [Access date] Length/Page. Available from URL.
1 – 6 authors	List out all author names.
<i>Example</i>	Grant H, Martin D, Panisin H, William R, William G, Panswer P. Science Literature. 3 rd Edition. Toronto: Spring; 2020. 280 p.
7 or more authors	List out first 6 authors' names and then write et al.
<i>Example</i>	Grant H, Martin D, Panisin H, William R, William G, Panswer P, et al. Science Literature. 3 rd Edition. Toronto: Spring; 2020. 280 p.
Books with different volumes but same authors/editors	Author/Editor(s). Book Title. Edition. Volume Number, Volume Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Length of Volume.
<i>Example</i>	Grant H, Martin D, Panisin H, William R, William G, Panswer P, et al. Science Literature. 3 rd Edition. Vol. 2, Science Today. Toronto: Spring; 2020. 180 p.
Books with different volumes and different authors/editors	Editor(s) of Volume, editors. Volume Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Length of Volume. (Editor of Volume Set, editor. Title of Volume Set; number of volumes in set).
<i>Example</i>	Crimson G, Damman H, editors. Science Literacy Toronto: Spring; 2020. 308 p. (Haines J, editor. Science Literature; vol. 3)
Chapters from edited books	Author. Book Title. Edition. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Chapter Number, Title of part; location of part.
<i>Example</i>	Grant H, Martin D, Panisin H, William R, William G, Panswer P, et al. 3 rd Edition. Toronto: Spring; 2020. Chapter 9: Methodologies; p. 323-45.

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Journal Articles: General Formatting Tips

Include all information on year, month, and day of publication when possible. Months should be abbreviated to their first three letters.

If the article is found online, include the DOI link when it is available after the page information. For online articles, also include the date of citation after the publication date.

General Format	Authors. Article Title. Journal Title. Date of Publication;Volume(Issue):Pages.
<i>Example</i>	de Graaf MA, Jager KJ, Zoccali C, Dekker FW. Matching, an appealing method to avoid confounding? Nephron Clinical Practice. 2011;118(4):c315–8.
General Format for Electronic Journals	Authors. Article Title. Journal Title [Internet]. Date of Publication [cited date];Volume(Issue):Pages.
<i>Example</i>	Nayyerabadi M, Fourcade L, Joshi SA, Chandrasekaran P, Chakravarti A, Massé C, et al. Vaccination after developing long covid: Impact on clinical presentation, viral persistence, and immune responses. International Journal of Infectious Diseases [Internet]. 2023 Nov [cited 2023 Jan];136:136–45. doi:10.1016/j.ijid.2023.09.006
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7 or more authors	List out name of first six authors followed by et al.
<i>Example</i>	Smith P, De Pauw R, Van Cauteren D, Demarest S, Drieskens S, Cornelissen L, et al. Post covid-19 condition and health-related quality of life: A longitudinal cohort study in the Belgian adult population. BMC Public Health [Internet]. 2023 [cited 2023 Jan] ;23(1). doi:10.1186/s12889-023-16336-w
Electronic Journal with DOI	Include DOI link at the end of the citation.
<i>Example</i>	Song JW, Chung KC. Observational studies: Cohort and case-control studies. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery [Internet]. 2010 Dec [cited 2023 Jan];126(6):2234–42. doi:10.1097/prs.0b013e3181f44abc
Electronic Journal without DOI	Include weblink at the end of citation.
<i>Example</i>	Song JW, Chung KC. Observational studies: Cohort and case-control studies. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery [Internet]. 2010 Dec [cited 2023

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Jan];126(6):2234–42. Available from
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20697313/>

Reports/Government Publications: General Formatting Tips

Sponsoring organizations are those that are funding the research being done.

Performing organizations are those that are carrying-out the research.

General Format	Authors. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Total Number of Pages.
<i>Example</i>	Pepper D. Scientific Research: review of critical theories. Toronto (ON): Spruce; 2002. 45 p.
Report by sponsoring organizations	Authors. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Total Number of Pages. Report Number.
<i>Example</i>	Pepper D. Scientific Research: review of critical theories. Toronto (ON): Spruce; 2002. 45 p. Report Number 2000-00490.
Report by and published by sponsoring organizations	Authors (Author Affiliation). Title. Edition. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Total Number of Pages. Report Number. Contract Number.
<i>Example</i>	Pepper D (Department of Research, University of Ontario, Toronto, ON). Scientific Research: review of critical theories. Final Report. Toronto (ON): Spruce; 2002. 45 p. Report Number 2000-00490. Ontario Grant #3452652.
Report written and published by performing organizations	Authors. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Total Number of Pages. Report Number. Contract Number Note
<i>Example</i>	Pepper D. Scientific Research: review of critical theories. Toronto (ON): Spruce; 2002. 45 p. Report Number 2000-00490. Ontario Grant #3452652. Supported by the Ministry of Science.
Parts of a report	Authors. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication. Name of part, title of part; location of part.
<i>Example</i>	Pepper D. Scientific Research: review of critical theories. Toronto (ON): Spruce; 2002. Figure 2, Trends on types of conducted research over the past two decades in Canada; p. 3.

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Internet Pages

General Format	Authors. Title [Medium Type]. Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of Publication [date of update/revision if any; date of citation]. Available from: URL
<i>Example</i>	Bricks IE. Study design and outcomes [Internet]. Toronto, ON: Bricks Self-Press; 2000 Jan 3 [updated 2003 Dec 3; cited 2020 Jan 23]. Available from brickspublishing.com/studydesign
Electronic Newspaper Articles	Author. Title. Publisher [Internet]. Date Published [cited date]; Section: length. Available from: URL
<i>Example</i>	Green E. Scaling up study size sustainable or not. Science Literature [Internet]. 2014 Sep 4 [cited 2022 Jan 3]; Science: [about 3 screens]. Available from: scienceliterature.com/sustainablestudies

Personal Communications

*Course handouts and course notes are considered personal communication, and as these are not accessible by others, they should not be included in the **references section**; they should instead be referenced in text only as: name, communication type, and date of communication.*

***Example:** As explained in class by Dr. A Xu (January 2023),...*

Information/reference to a course lecture should be cited both in-text and in the reference list.

***Example:** As covered in lecture by Xu [3],...*

General Format	Authors. (Author Affiliation). Connective Phrase: Recipient (Recipient Affiliation). Date.
<i>Example</i>	de Val J. (Department of Biology, University of Texas, Texas). Letter to: Jager K (Hospital, Toronto). 2000 Jan 29.
Email	Author. Title of Message [Type of Medium]. Connective Phrase: Recipient. Date of Message [citation date]. [Extent being cited].
<i>Example</i>	Rajah D. Internet and bias [Internet]. Message to: Ryan Killian. 2003 May 28 [cited 2022 Jan 23]. [1 paragraph]
Lecture	Authors. Title of lecture [unpublished lecture notes]. Course code: course name, University name; date that lecture was given.
<i>Example</i>	Xu A. Week ten: Cohort study designs [unpublished lecture notes]. SCI342: Science, Toronto Metropolitan University; lecture given 2023 Jan 23.