

Citing Your Sources

(Locating Citation Style Guides)

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Step 1

1. To view samples of citation styles for your research, start by going to the Oviatt Library homepage (<http://library.csun.edu/>).
2. You can find the link **Citing Your Sources** in two possible locations on the homepage:
 - a. On the left hand side of the webpage under **Start Your Research**, select the fourth bullet point down called "Citing Your Sources."
 - b. Move the mouse cursor over **Research Assistance** located on the top/middle of the page and select "Citing Your Sources."

The screenshot shows the Oviatt Library homepage with the following elements:

- Header: California State University Northridge, Skip Navigation, Accessibility, People
- Search bar: Search Oviatt Library Web Site for
- Navigation menu: Find Resources, Services, Research Assistance, Collections, About, Ask a Librarian
- Left sidebar: Start Your Research section with a list of links: Research Strategies: Getting Started, Databases by Subject, Databases A-Z, Citing Your Sources (highlighted with a yellow box), Ask a Librarian. Below this is Library Hours Today (Tuesday January 4, 2011: 8:00am to 5:00pm) and Quick Links.
- Main content area: A dropdown menu under Research Assistance is open, listing: Ask a Librarian, Subject Specialists, Subject Guides, Tutorials and How-To's, Citing Your Sources (highlighted with a yellow box), Reference and Instructional Services, CSUN's Information Competence Program.
- Search area: Catalog, Find books, videos, CDs and more, with search input fields and a Search button.
- Bottom: Digital Archives, Find more in Advanced Catalog Search

Red arrows and a red box highlight the two locations for "Citing Your Sources": one in the "Start Your Research" sidebar and one in the "Research Assistance" dropdown menu. A red box at the bottom contains the text: "Citing Your Sources can be located under 'Start Your Research' or under 'Research Assistance.'"

Step 2

1. On the right hand side of the screen there will be two sections, one for APA and one for MLA.
2. To view if the library has a publication manual, select the first bullet point within each section.
3. To view sample citations, select the appropriate style guide for your discipline. For example:
 - a. **APA** is primarily used in:
 - i. Education
 - ii. Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
 - iii. Psychology
 - iv. Child & Adolescent Development
 - b. **MLA** is primarily used in:
 - i. English
 - ii. Chicana/Chicano Studies
 - iii. Music
 - iv. Pan African Studies
4. **Please note, Adobe Reader is required to view PDF material.**

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Research Strategies: A Five-Step Guide

Step 5: Citing Your Sources

Style Guides **Annotated Bib.** Plagiarism

Formatting Citations

This tab contains citation guidelines and examples in both APA and MLA style formats, along with links to other styles and resources on citation styles. The style you should use is usually determined by the discipline or course in which you are working. Ask your instructor what style s/he requires or recommends.

Why Cite Sources? Avoiding plagiarism is the most obvious reason; it also helps you back up your arguments with credible evidence and allows others to track down the same resources.

APA Style

- [Publication manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (print version)
- [Sample Style Sheet for APA Bibliographic Citations \(PDF\)](#) by Dr. Karin Durán
- [Sample APA-Style Annotated Bibliography \(PDF\)](#) by Dr. Karin Durán
- [APA Style Guide \(PDF\)](#) by Eric Garcia
- [APA - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Electronic Reference Formats](#)

Recommended by the American Psychological Association.

- [APA Style Resources](#)

MLA Style

- [MLA handbook for writers of research papers](#) (print version)
- [MLA Style - Quick Guide](#) by Eric Garcia
- [Sample MLA-Style Annotated Bibliography \(PDF\)](#) by Dr. Karin Durán
- [MLA Style Guide \(PDF\)](#) by Eric Garcia
- [MLA - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [EasyBib](#) MLA style bibliography

Citation Formatting Tools

- Use [EndNote Web](#) to collect, manage, and create a bibliography or works cited list

Select the appropriate style guide for your discipline. Please note, Adobe Reader is required.