



Quickstart Vancouver Referencing Guide

More guidance and further referencing examples can be found in the full AIP referencing guide: <https://librarydevelopment.group.shef.ac.uk/referencing/vancouver.html>

Introduction

Referencing in the Vancouver style is a two–part process:

- A number in the text: a numerical reference in the text, immediately following the cited material, which relates to a numbered reference in the reference list.
- Reference list: a complete list of all the cited references, numbered sequentially and with full bibliographical details.

Citation in the text

- When using a theory or an idea in your work, a reference number will need to be added in parentheses, e.g. (1), (2). Alternatively, numbers can be added in superscript, e.g. ¹. This number should refer to an entry in the reference list at the end of your piece of work, giving full details of the sources you have cited.
- Numbers are added sequentially by the order they appear in the text.
- The number should be included inside the punctuation of a sentence.
- If you are using the same reference more than once, it will keep the same number all the way through your piece of work.
- Include the page number within the parentheses if you are using a direct quote or paraphrasing from a specific page or pages, e.g. (2, p. 68), or in parentheses after the reference number if you are using superscript numbers, e.g. ² (p. 68)

Examples:

In neuropathic diabetic patients, “...the absence of symptoms must never be equated with absence of risk of ulceration.” ⁴ (p. 68)

...recommended by Birnbaum (5).

References

- The references are arranged in numerical order rather than alphabetical and listed as they appear numerically in the text.
- Include a maximum of six authors in a reference. If the item has more than six authors, list the first six names followed by a comma and et al. For example: Smith GA, Johnson T, Turner PW, Robinson H, Francis BN, Chapman A, et al.

- Author/Editor surnames should be given first, followed by a space and then a maximum of two initials given without a space. Commas are used to separate author names, e.g. Smith GA, Johnson T, Turner PW.
- Each reference should end with a full stop unless it ends with a URL or DOI.

Book

One author

Number of reference. Author(s). Title. Edition (if not first edition). Secondary author (if needed, e.g. translator). Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

1. Bryman, A. Social research methods. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press; 2008.

Two to six authors

Number of reference. Author(s). Title. Edition (if not first edition). Secondary author (if needed, e.g. translator). Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

2. Martini, F, Bartholomew, EF. Essentials of anatomy and physiology. 6th ed. Harlow: Pearson; 2014.

More than six authors

If a book has more than six authors, the first six authors should be listed in the **Author(s)** section of the reference followed by a comma and et al, for example:

Smith GA, Johnson T, Turner PW, Robinson H, Francis BN, Chapman A, et al.

Book – Chapter in an edited book

Number of reference. Chapter author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s). Title. Edition (if not the first edition). Secondary author (if needed, e.g. translator). Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication.

6. Eberle, TS, Maeder, C. Organizational ethnography. In: Silverman, D, editor. Qualitative research: issues of theory, method and practice. 3rd ed. London: SAGE; 2011.

Book – Electronic

Number of reference. Author(s)/Editor(s). Title [Medium e.g. Internet]. Edition (if not first edition). Secondary author (if needed, e.g. translator). Place of publication: Publisher; Date of publication [Date of update/Date of citation]. Available from: URL or doi:

7. Pallant J. SPSS survival manual: a step by step guide to data analysis using SPSS [Internet]. 4th ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press; 2010 [cited 2020 Sep 3]. Available from: <http://www.vlebooks.com> with institutional login.

- If the URL is for a resource that is not publicly available, e.g. it requires a login, use the home page URL of the provider and instruction of how it is accessed.

Images and Figures

This guidance is for referencing images and figures that you are **referring** to in your work. If you have **inserted** an image or figure into your work please see the "Guidance for taught course students inserting images and figures into university work.":

https://xerte.shef.ac.uk/play.php?template_id=836

Image from an online collection/social media site, e.g. Flickr, Instagram, etc.

Number of reference. Artist/Creator Surname, Initials OR Screen name. Title of image/figure [description]. Name of site/collection; date published [Date cited]. Available from: URL

46. voxel123. Bullous emphysema (In 3D) [online image]. Flickr; 2017 Jul 11 [cited 2022 Jan 10]. Available from:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/voxel123/35806298356/in/pool-medimg/>

Image from a museum/gallery (either viewed in person or online)

Number of reference. Artist/Creator Surname, Initials. Title of image/figure [description], date created. Name of museum/gallery, City [Date viewed if seen in person OR Date cited if seen online]. [If online] Available from: URL

48. Matania U. World War I: a French underground hospital at Verdun [oil painting]; 1917. Wellcome Collection, London [viewed 2022 Jan 25].

Image from a journal

Number of reference. Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). Title of journal article. Title of Journal Year Month Volume(Issue):page range of article. Title of image/figure [description]; page number of image/figure. [If online] [Date cited]. Available from: URL or doi:

49. Birnbaum AD, French DD, Mirsaeidi M, Wehrli S. Sarcoidosis in the national veteran population: association of ocular inflammation and mortality. *Ophthalmology* 2015 May; 122(5):934-8. Table 2. Distribution of diagnostic codes for ocular inflammation in patients with sarcoidosis [table]; p. 936. [cited 2022 Jan 13]. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2015.01.003

Image from a book/ebook

Number of reference. Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). Title of image/figure [description]. In: Author of book (if different to Artist/Creator) Surname, Initial(s). Title of book, Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Page number. [If online] Available from: URL or doi:

50. Crossman B. 5.1. Floor of the skull showing the three cranial fossae and principal foramina [illustration]. In: Crossman AR, Neary D. *Neuroanatomy: An illustrated colour text*. 5th ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone; 2015. p. 51.

Journal Article – Print

Number of reference. Author(s). Article title. Journal title. Date of publication; Volume(Issue):Page number.

10. Longo DL, Armitage JO. Controversies in the treatments of early-stage Hodgkin's lymphoma. *N Engl J Med*. 2015 Apr 23; 372(17):1667-9.

Journal Article - Electronic

Number of reference. Author(s). Article title. Journal title [Source e.g. Internet]. Date of publication [Date of citation]; Volume(Issue):Page numbers. Available from: URL or doi:

11. Birnbaum AD, French DD, Miraeidi M, Wehrli S. Sarcoidosis in the national veteran population: association of ocular inflammation and mortality. *Ophthalmology* [Internet]. 2015 May [cited 2015 May 20]; 122(5):934-8. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2015.01.003

12. Carling PC, Perkins J, Ferguson JA, Thomasser A. Evaluating a new paradigm for comparing surface disinfection in clinical practice. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* [Internet]. 2014 Nov [cited 2015 May 22]; 35(11):1349-55. Available from: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1086/678424>

Website

Number of reference. Author (if available). Title [Type of medium]. Edition (if available, e.g. American ed.) Place of Publication: Publisher; Date of publication [Date of update; date of revision]. Available from: (e.g. URL)

20. Critical Appraisal Skills Programme (CASP): Making sense of evidence [Internet]. Oxford: CASP; 2013 [cited 2015 Aug 1]. Available from: <http://www.casp-uk.net>

Summary

Why not look at some of our other Research Skills and Critical Thinking resources? Book onto a Workshop or take an Online Tutorial:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/library/study/research-skills>

Visit our FAQs: <http://libraryhelp.shef.ac.uk/>

Get in touch: library@sheffield.ac.uk



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