CBE Style

This handout gives some basic examples of CBE style. For more examples and complete information, use the following source from the Council of Biology Editors:

Copies are at the Reference Desk and upstairs on the 2nd floor at 808.0666 Sci278 1994.

Note: This style guide provides citation examples in the Name-Year System. For examples in the Citation-Sequence System, see the Scientific Style and Format: CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers.

Books

Multiple Authors

Editor(s)

Chapter

Periodicals

Two to Ten Authors (All Authors Named)

Eleven or more Authors (First Ten Authors Named followed by “and others”)
Newspapers

No Author/Writer

Author

Microforms


Internet

World Wide Web Site

U.S. Government Publication

Electronic Book

Internet Article in an Internet-only Journal

Internet Article from a Subscription Service

For other forms, for example citations of works discussed in a dissertation, theses, papers presented at meetings/conferences, technical reports, audiovisual materials, and others, see the Scientific Style and Format: CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers.
Addendum

Parenthetical References

If the name of the author(s) appears as part of the narrative, as in the first example, cite only the year of publication in parentheses.

Example: When Smith’s sequence of studies (1958) is examined closely…

Otherwise, place both the name and the year in parentheses.

Example: Smith’s studies of Culex species (Smith 1967) have shown that…

An anonymous source…

Example: The most vigorous defense of the policy (Anonymous 1990) …

A single author with two or more documents in the same year…

Example: and the most recent work (Dawson 1986a, 1986b) on this problem…

If a cited document has two authors, both names are given, separated by “and”. If both authors have the same surname, their initials are added.

Example: and the most recent work (Dawson and Briggs 1986) on this problem…

If a cited document has three or more authors, the first author’s name is given followed by “and others” and the year.

Example: but later studies (Dawson and others 1987) established that…