This handout will describe the basic principles of using the SAA citation style in research papers and articles. For information concerning specific citation styles, consult the complete SAA citation guide on the writing center website.

In Text Citations

Usually, in text citations will be located at the end of a sentence (before the period), and will include the author’s last name, year of publication, and page number of relevant content.

(Wylie 1991:235)

In cases where you are referencing an entire publication, simply omit the colon and page number.

(Wylie 1991)

If several authors are cited in the text at one place, separate entries with a semicolon.

(Ashmore 1986; Coe 1965)

Finally, multiple years with the same author will include both years separated by a comma.

(Fox 1987, 1991)

References at the end of a Paper

The references list following the content of your paper should be double spaced throughout and alphabetized according to the first author’s last name.

Each entry should have the author(s) listed on the first line. On the next line, the date should be indented and followed by a tab separating the date and title of the book/article. For all subsequent lines, there should be a hanging indent at the midpoint of the date.

Morales Padrón, Fransisco
1971 Historia del descubrimiento y conquista de América. 2nd ed.
Editoria Nacional, Madrid.
For an entry with multiple authors, place only the first author’s name in reverse order (last name first) and separate author names with a comma.

Hampton, David R., Charles E. Summer, and Ross A. Weber
1978 Organizational Behavior and the Practice of Management.

***Remember, properly citing your research material is essential to avoid plagiarizing the research of others. When in doubt, cite!

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