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This section describes the required format for in-text citations and for the bibliography. In general, all references are based on the Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition, with small amendments to make the references clearer.

In-text references

All in-text references must use the parenthetical, author-year system. References to a whole book or article as a general reference should not mention page numbers, unless it is necessary to identify a relevant passage (Lattin 1995). Direct quotes must always indicate the page number or page range. The year and the page number or page range are separated by a colon; page numbers are connected by an en dash and not by a simple hyphen (Lattin 1995: 23–24). Multiple references must be separated with a semicolon (Lattin 1995; Wolff 1997). Expressions such as, “see also”, “ibid.”, “id.”, or “idem” should be avoided. If necessary, the full reference must be repeated.

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