

Guidelines for Citing Papers in the Biology Department

In courses in the Department of Biology we ask you to use a standard scientific citation style. This style is one version of CSE (Council on Scientific Editors). A brief guide is written here. The first link below takes you to online examples.

- In the references section **all** relevant sources must be included and all listed references **must** be cited in the body of the paper.
- Arrange the citations in alphabetical order by the last name of the first author. No numbering of sources is needed. If there is no specific person listed see the citation style guide on line. URL below.
- Please use the name, year system for in text citation.
- *Italics* are used for genus and species names. There is no boldface, no underlining, and no quotation marks.
- The names of journals should be abbreviated by a standard method. See the second link below for accepted abbreviations.

An online guide for citation is available through The Ohio State University library.

<http://library.osu.edu/help/research-strategies/cite-references/cse>

A standard list of journal title abbreviations

<http://library.caltech.edu/reference/abbreviations/>