

## APA 7 citation style

This document is a quick guide for correctly citing references according to the APA 7th edition guidelines.

### In-text citations

APA style uses the author-date citation system; that is, each citation must include the author's last name and the year of publication. In the case of authors with two last names, it is recommended to connect them with a hyphen (e.g., Mejía-Campos, 2020).

The format for citing references will depend on certain parameters, for example:

- a) When citing a work by three or more authors, it is only necessary to include the last name of the first author followed by the abbreviation "et al."
  - Parenthetical citation: (Fox et al., 2025)
  - Narrative citation: Fox et al. (2025)
  
- b) If the citation is part of the prose, meaning it is integrated into the sentence, it should be presented as follows:
  - Navarro-Gutiérrez (2025) found that the samples...
  - Ortiz-Gómez and Villanueva (2025) studied species diversity...
  - Fox et al. (2025) observed that the damage caused in...
  - This study confirms the findings of Bruno (2025)...
  
- c) If the citation is not part of the sentence, it should be placed in parentheses:
  - ... severity was higher in the untreated samples (Navarro-Gutiérrez, 2025).
  - ... are some of the representative species (Ortiz-Gómez & Villanueva, 2025).
  - ... largely depend on environmental factors (Fox et al., 2025).
  
- d) When the author of the source is a corporation, institution, or foundation, the full name should be written out in the first citation, followed by the acronym or abbreviation in parentheses/brackets. In subsequent citations, only the acronym or abbreviation should be used:

- Parenthetical citation: (Servicio de Información Agroalimentaria y Pesquera [SIAP], 2024)
- Narrative citation: Servicio de Información Agroalimentaria y Pesquera (SIAP, 2024)

### Direct quotes

When including an idea exactly as written by the original author, it must be presented in quotation marks and include the last name of the author(s), the year of publication of the document from which the information was obtained, and the page number.

- Parenthetical citation:  
Consequently, it is necessary to “uphold respect for the individual in the face of the growing power of the state and the market” (Tambussi, 2014, p. 95).
- Narrative citation:  
Consequently, it is necessary to “uphold respect for the individual in the face of the growing power of the state and the market,” as Tambussi (2014, p. 95) notes.

It should be noted that when direct quotations of more than 40 words are included, they must be presented in a separate paragraph.

### Additional considerations for in-text citations

When citing a work by two authors, both names must be included in every citation. In parenthetical citations, use an ampersand (&):

- Parenthetical citation: (Ortiz-Gómez & Villanueva, 2025)
- Narrative citation: Ortiz-Gómez and Villanueva (2025)

When citing multiple works by the same author published in the same year, they must be distinguished by lowercase letters (a, b, c...) in the reference list, and those same letters must be included in the in-text citations. The letters are assigned based on the first letter of the title of each work:

- Ortiz-Gómez and Villanueva (2025a)
- Ortiz-Gómez and Villanueva (2025b)

When citing multiple sources by different authors, the authors should be listed in alphabetical order according to how they appear in the reference list:

- Parenthetical citation: (Fox et al., 2025; Navarro-Gutiérrez, 2024; Ortiz-Gómez & Villanueva, 2025)
- Narrative citation: Fox et al. (2025), Navarro-Gutiérrez (2024), and Ortiz-Gómez and Villanueva (2025)

If the citations are from the same author but from different years, include the author's last name followed by the corresponding years, separated by commas:

- Parenthetical citation: (Fox et al., 2020, 2025)
- Narrative citation: Fox et al. (2020, 2025)

When citing a personal communication, it should be referenced in the text, but it does not need to be included in the reference list. Such citations must include the communicator's first initial and last name, as well as the most precise date on which the communication took place:

- Parenthetical citation: (F. Estrada, personal communication, June 4, 2020)
- Narrative citation: F. Estrada (personal communication, June 4, 2020)

### Source credits

Figures, tables, and the information contained in them may be obtained from other publications; therefore, the source of the material must be specified in a caption placed below the figure or table:

- Original material  
Source: Own elaboration.
- Material and information taken from another source  
Source: SIAP (2024).
- Material created by the author using data from another source  
Source: Own elaboration based on data from SIAP (2024).
- Material taken from another source and modified by the author  
Source: Adapted from SIAP (2024).

For graphic materials (infographics, illustrations, photographs, etc.) that are not original, it is necessary to review the usage licenses of the material (Copyright, Creative Commons, or public domain).

## Referencing

Every source cited in your document must appear in the reference list; therefore, each entry in the reference list must have a corresponding in-text citation. The following considerations are important for this section:

- The reference list should be titled "References".
- Citations should be arranged alphabetically by the last name of the first author.
- When referencing multiple works by the same author, they should be arranged chronologically based on the year of publication.
- When an author has published with different co-authors, the references should be ordered based on the last name of the second or third co-author.
- For references by the same authors and published in the same year, the title of the work should be considered, and they should be distinguished with a letter inside the parentheses following the year.
- In APA 7, a reference can list up to 20 authors. If there are more than 20, include the first 19 authors, and then use an ellipsis (...) before listing the final author.

### **Journal article with DOI or URL**

A reference for a journal article should include the following elements: Last name, Initial. (year). Title of the article. *Full name of the journal in italics, volume number in italics*(issue number), page range. DOI or URL

- a) Hipólito-Romero, E., del Amo-Rodríguez, S., Ramos-Prado, J. M., & Ricaño-Rodríguez, J. (2024). Holistic approaches to ecosystem restoration from a biocultural perspective. *Revista Geografía Agrícola, 73*, 1–22. <https://doi.org/10.5154/r.rga.2021.73.15>

For articles that use an e-locator (e.g., "e03098"), this identifier should be used in place of page numbers.

- a) Loaiza-González, J. J., & Thomé-Ortiz, H. (2025). Perspectiva crítica sobre planes de reforestación para la soberanía hídrica de los territorios hidrosociales en contextos agroproductivos. *Revista de Geografía Agrícola, 74*, e25008. <https://doi.org/10.5154/r.rga.2023.73.08>

### **Books**

The basic format for referencing a book is: Last name, Initial. (year). *Title in italics* (edition). Publisher. DOI or URL (if applicable)

- a) Infante-Gil, S., & Zárata-de Lara, G. (2012). *Métodos estadísticos: Un enfoque interdisciplinario*. Colegio de Postgraduados.

### **Book chapter**

References for book chapters should include the following information: Last name, Author's initial. (year). Title of the chapter. In Author's initial. Last name of the book editor (Ed.) or editors (Eds.), *Title of the book in italics* (pp. page range of the chapter). Publisher. DOI or URL (if applicable)

- a) Erkan, M., & Dogan, A. (2020). Harvesting of horticultural commodities. In E. M. Yahia (Ed.), *Postharvest technology of perishable horticultural commodities* (pp. 120–159). Elsevier-Woodhead Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-813276-0.00005-5>
- b) Ferrer, M. M., Ruenes-Morales, R., Montañez-Escalante, P. I., & Estrada-Medina, H. (2022). Mexican plum (*Spondias purpurea* L.). In D. Sivakumar, Y. Sultanbawa, & M. Netzel (Eds.), *Handbook of phytonutrients in indigenous fruits and vegetables* (pp. 405–420). CAB International. <https://doi.org/10.1079/9781789248067.0028>

### **Newspaper article**

The format for referencing a newspaper article or note should follow the following structure: Last name, Initial. (date of publication). *Title in italics*. Name of the newspaper. URL

- a) Carbajal, B., & Partida, J. C. (2022, July 6). *Berries, los frutos que ganan terreno en el campo mexicano*. La Jornada. <https://www.jornada.com.mx/2022/07/04/politica/004n1pol>

### **Report or bulletin**

References for reports should include the following information:

- Last name, Initial. (year). *Title of the report in italics*. Publishing organization/agency. URL
- Name of the organization/agency. (year). *Title of the report in italics*. URL

- a) Díaz-Padilla, G., Serrano-Altamirano, V., Ruíz-Corral, J. U., Ambriz-Cervantes, R., & Cano-García, M. G. (2008). *Estadísticas climatológicas básicas del Estado de Morelos (período 1961-2003)*. Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Forestales, Agrícolas y Pecuarias.
- b) Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI). (2009). *Prontuario de información geográfica municipal de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos*. [http://www3.inegi.org.mx/contenidos/app/mexicocifras/datos\\_geograficos/21/21164.pdf](http://www3.inegi.org.mx/contenidos/app/mexicocifras/datos_geograficos/21/21164.pdf)

### **Database**

References for databases should include: Name of the organization/agency. (date of access). *Title of the database in italics*. URL

- a) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). (2024, July 13). *Countries by commodity*. FAOSTAT.  
[https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#rankings/countries\\_by\\_commodity\\_exports](https://www.fao.org/faostat/en/#rankings/countries_by_commodity_exports)

### **Software and applications**

The basic structure for referencing software or apps is: Last name, Initial. (year). Name of the program or app *in italics* (version) [computer software or mobile application]. Manufacturer. URL

- a) Borenstein, M., Hedges, L., Higgins, J., & Rothstein, H. (2014). *Comprehensive meta-analysis*. (ver. 3.3) [software]. Biostat. <https://meta-analysis.com/>
- b) SAS Institute, Inc. (2018). *User's guide* (ver. 9) [software]. SAS Institute, Inc.  
[https://www.sas.com/es\\_mx/home.html](https://www.sas.com/es_mx/home.html)

### **For more information, please visit:**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>