

NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS

NoodleTools Express is a website that helps you with your citations (APA, MLA, or Chicago).

Use it to generate citations for almost any type of source: databases, web sites, books, blogs, videos, magazine articles, email messages, images, personal interviews, speeches, tweets, and more.

Then copy and paste the citations into your research paper.

NOTE: Many of the library databases provide citations. Unfortunately, these citations aren't always accurate. If you copy/paste a database citation, make sure you consult another source (such as NoodleTools) to identify and correct any mistakes.

ACCESSING NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS

Go to the NoodleTools website at www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php

It is also linked on the MCC library webpage:

1. Go the library webpage: www.mccneb.edu/library
2. Scroll down past the tabs, look under **Research Links** (middle column), and click on **Citing Sources**.
3. Look under **MLA Style** and click on **NoodleTools Express: MLA**.
4. At the next screen you may need to click on **MLA**.

USING NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS

1. Use the drop-down menu to select the source **type**. Are you citing a magazine, a reference source (such as an encyclopedia), a newspaper, a journal, or a web site, etc.?
2. Then use the tabs above the form to select the **format**. Are you citing a print copy of the source, or did you find it on the web, or in a database, etc.?

Examples:

a) EBOOK

Select **Book > Database**

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Citing:** Chapter or Section (dropdown)
- from:** Book (dropdown)
- Buttons:** Submit (green), Cancel (grey)
- Navigation Tabs:** Print, Website, **Database** (highlighted), E-book File, Microform
- Form Fields:**
 - * Name of the database: (text input)
 - URL: (text input)
 - DOI: (text input)
 - Most recent date of access [today?]:
 - month (dropdown)
 - day (dropdown)
 - YYYY (text input)

- **URL:** Don't include the initial **https://**
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier):** Leave this blank as eBooks aren't normally assigned a DOI.

b) WEB PAGE WITHIN A WEBSITE

Select **Website** (the form automatically defaults to **Web Page**)

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Citing:** Web Page (dropdown)
- from:** Web Site (dropdown)
- Buttons:** Save (green), Cancel (grey)
- Navigation Tabs:** **Website** (highlighted)
- Form Fields:**
 - URL: (text input)
 - Date of publication:
 - month (dropdown)
 - day (dropdown)
 - YYYY (text input)
 - Most recent date of access [today?]:
 - month (dropdown)
 - day (dropdown)
 - YYYY (text input)

- **URL:** Don't include the initial **http://** or **https://**

NOTE: The web is a **format** not a source **type**. If you are citing a photograph, interview, or other specific type of source you found on the web, you will need to select the appropriate source type from the menu.

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Citing:** A dropdown menu is open, showing various source types. 'Web Page' is selected and highlighted in yellow.
- from:** A dropdown menu set to 'Web Site'.
- Save** and **Cancel** buttons.
- URL:** A text input field.
- Date of publication:** A field with a 'month' dropdown and a 'YYYY' input.
- Most recent date of access:** A field with 'month' and 'day' dropdowns and a 'YYYY' input.
- Change to:** A dropdown menu set to 'Select...'.
- Contributor:** Fields for 'First name', 'Middle name', 'Last name or group', and 'Suffix'.

c) MAGAZINE ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE

Select **Magazine > Database**

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Citing:** A dropdown menu set to 'Article'.
- from:** A dropdown menu set to 'Magazine'.
- Save** and **Cancel** buttons.
- Print**, **Website**, **Database** (selected), **Digital File**, and **Microform** tabs.
- * Name of the database:** A text input field.
- URL:** A text input field.
- DOI:** A text input field.
- Most recent date of access [today?]:** A field with 'month' and 'day' dropdowns and a 'YYYY' input.

- **URL:** Don't include the initial **https://**
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier):** Leave this blank as eBooks aren't normally assigned a DOI.

d) JOURNAL ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE

Select Journal > Database

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Citing:** Article (dropdown menu)
- from:** Journal (dropdown menu)
- Buttons:** Save (green), Cancel (grey)
- Navigation Tabs:** Print, Website, **Database** (highlighted), Digital File, Microform
- Form Fields:**
 - * Name of the database: (text input)
 - URL: (text input)
 - DOI: (text input)
 - Most recent date of access [today?]:
 - month: (dropdown menu)
 - day: (dropdown menu)
 - YYYY: (text input)

- **URL:** Provide this only if the record does not include a DOI. Otherwise, leave the box empty. If you do provide the permalink don't include the initial **https://**
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier):** If the record includes a DOI, provide it instead of the URL. Otherwise, leave the box empty.

If the article has been assigned a **DOI**, you will see a line labeled **DOI** in the database record:

The screenshot shows a database record with the following information:

- Abstract:** Through an ethnography of a terrorism trial that followed bomb-blasts in Delhi in 2008, this article seeks to understand the centrality of files and documentary practices to the production of legal truth. By following key documents regarding the case against one man I call Fahad, I argue that the truth produced in a trial crucially depends on a chain of seemingly insignificant certificatory practices—the signatures, countersignatures, stamps, and seals that appear on documents. What emerges in the account I provide is that juridical truth is less a matter of finding 'what really happened,' and more about the competition between narratives that depend on the certificatory correctness of humble sheets of paper. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
- Full Text Word Count:** 12761
- ISSN:** 0023-9216
- DOI:** 10.1111/hasr.12378 (highlighted)
- Accession Number:** 134360568

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- Complete the form by filling in the box for each element of your citation.
 - Be sure to click inside a box before typing anything!** This opens a popup box with more information. For example, clicking inside the **title** box opens a popup box with more information on which words to capitalize.

The screenshot shows a citation form with the following elements:

- Article title:** A text input field with a blue border. A tooltip is open over it, containing the text: "Article title. Capitalize the first letter of the first word, last word, subtitle, and all [principal words](#). Is there a [title within the title](#)?"
- Citing an abstract
- English translation of article's title: A text input field.

- Note that you can add an **annotation** to your citation, if required by your instructor.

The screenshot shows an annotation field with the following elements:

- Annotation** [[What is an annotation?](#)]:
- Rich text formatting options: **B** (bold), *I* (italic), U (underline).
- A large text area for entering the annotation.

- When finished, click on **Submit**.
- NoodleTools** then displays a citation you can copy/paste.

NOTE: Some formatting may be lost during the process (italics, line spacing, hanging indent, etc.). Be sure to compare your copied citation with the NoodleTools citation.

The screenshot shows the final citation output in NoodleTools:

MLA (8th ed.) Citation (Journal)

You can copy and paste this citation into your own document:

Taylor, Kaitlyn, et al. "A GIScience Approach to Analyzing Spatial Patterns of Voter Turnout in Omaha, Nebraska." *Geographical Bulletin*, vol. 57, no. 2, Nov. 2016, pp. 99-114. *Academic Search Complete*, login.ezproxy.mccneb.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=119614913&site=ehost-live&scope=site. Accessed 13 Nov. 2017.

Notes for copying and pasting the citation:

- Italics may be lost when you transfer your citation to a word processing document, so you may need to replace it.
- Lines that wrap should be indented 5 spaces or 1/2 inch.
- Citations should be double-spaced (both in and between citations).