

Guidelines for Organising and Referencing a Scientific Report

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This is a brief summary of the principles you need to consider when writing and

keep a modifiable list of references with appropriate cross-referenced citation numbers in the text. These numbers can be updated as the number of positions of the references change.

3. Citation of Web Page URLs

If you **MUST** use a web page as a reference, then you need to provide evidence that it has been peer-reviewed. If it has not been peer-reviewed then it is unsuitable as a source from the scientific literature.

4. Inappropriate format for papers and books

You can select any appropriate journal format for listing references. Note that references to chapters in books are different from Journal article references. Chose a format which you like and stick to it throughout the report.

5. Inadequate acknowledgement of other sources

Dishonest presentation of other's work as your own is a serious breach of the University principle of academic integrity. This includes the use of ghost writers, text from web pages, and copying text from previous reports. The University will discipline such dishonesty severely and promptly. Do not be tempted to present falsely authored work as your own.

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