

# Referencing using OSCOLA

## Section 1

### Where to find information

# First stop for information:

- The referencing link on the Library web page gives you links to:
- An on-line tutorial (direct link <https://ilrb.cf.ac.uk/citingreferences/oscola/tutorial/> )
- The latest version of OSCOLA (direct link <http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php>)

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## Quick Search

Advanced Search

Find results with  in **Any (field)**

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- Books, E-books and multimedia materials 
- Journal articles, research papers etc 
- Newspaper Articles 



**Database Of The Month**  
Our featured resource for February



**Skills@Uni**  
Drop in to our information and study skills training sessions



**ARRO**  
The Institutional Repository for Anglia Ruskin University



**Need help?**  
Online chat questions



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## Login to the Library

Library Barcode Number:

Password:

## What's my library login?

## Digital Library Notices & Updates

## Notice Board



### Study Support Drop-in Sessions at Cambridge

Drop-in sessions to help students with their study are being held every Thursday during Semester 2, 10:00-12:00 in MUM 202.

### LibQUAL+® Survey Read the feedback

## Events

**Peterborough** - 22 February 2011  
**Harvard Referencing**



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## Referencing

When writing an essay, report or other assignment you will often need to support your arguments by referring to other published work such as books, journal or newspaper articles, government reports, dissertations and theses, and material from the Internet.



**Ask us**

You will need to give accurate references:

- To give credit to other authors' concepts and ideas
- To provide the reader (often the marker/examiner of the assignment) with evidence of the breadth and depth of your reading
- To enable the readers of your work to locate the references easily
- To avoid being accused of plagiarism, an academic offence which can lead to loss of marks or module failure

### WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

Plagiarism is the act of presenting someone else's work as your own, deliberately or even by mistake. The material you use could be text, data, image, sound or performance. Your work includes major projects, dissertations and any assignment, not just written ones, such as a presentation, work of art or performance.

Plagiarism includes:

- copying the work of another student with or without permission
- using an assignment bought from the Internet
- cutting and pasting text or images into your own work without referencing the sources
- quoting or putting the work of others into your own words without referencing the sources

There's more about **plagiarism in the Pilot Tutorial**

### WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

We will make sure you have the chance to practice your academic skills and avoid accidentally breaking our Academic Regulations. On page nine of the **Student Charter**, it says you have to be

# On-line tutorial

## Citing the law

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### Citing the law

#### Case law

Activity: Which report do I cite?

Example

#### Legislation

EC legislation

Activity: Ordering a citation

#### Citing other sources

Activity: When to cite?

Footnotes

Example

#### Books

Chapter in an edited book

#### Journal articles

Electronic journal article

#### Government publications

#### Hansard

#### Newspaper articles

#### Websites

Activity: Putting it all together

FAQs and Notes

The following pages will show you how to:

- cite cases and legislation, i.e. the 'primary' sources of law, in the accepted way
- refer to 'secondary' sources such as books, journals and government reports in your work
- cite using OSCOLA, the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities.

View the pages in order using the arrow below or jump directly to a page using the links in the panel on the left.

This resource was devised by Cathie Jackson and Ian Bradley, Information Services staff at Cardiff University and was partly funded by the UK Centre for Legal Education. OSCOLA is produced by Oxford Law Faculty and available from their [website](#).



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## But note...

- The latest version of OSCOLA was published in 2010, and the online tutorial is earlier.
- This means that in some places, there are differences between the tutorial and the latest OSCOLA edition.
- Be aware of this!

# More information – including Quick Reference Guide

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/publications/oscola.php). The page header features the text "OXFORD LAW" and "Number One for Law in 2010-11 Guardian, Independent, and Times guides". Below this, it says "THE FACULTY OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD".

The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: home, about the faculty (highlighted), organization, centres, libraries and computing, publications... (highlighted), publications by faculty members, links with other institutions, vacancies, contact us, people, studying here, bodleian law library, alumni and development, patrons and supporters, and site map. At the bottom of the sidebar is a search box labeled "search this site".

The main content area is titled "OSCOLA" and includes the following text: "The Oxford Standard for Citation Of Legal Authorities is designed to facilitate accurate citation of authorities, legislation, and other legal materials. It is widely used in law schools and by journal and book publishers in the UK and beyond. OSCOLA is edited by the Oxford Law Faculty, in consultation with the OSCOLA Editorial Advisory Board\*." Below this, it states "The fourth edition of OSCOLA is now available".

A box highlights the "OSCOLA Fourth Edition" with a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 2.0 UK: England & Wales License. It includes a "SOME RIGHTS RESERVED" logo and a link to the license. Below the box, it says "There is also a Quick Reference Guide for key reference types."

The text continues: "The Fourth Edition of OSCOLA does not contain citation advice for International Law sources, however the section on citing these sources from the 2006 edition of OSCOLA is available as a separate document: OSCOLA 2006: Citing International Law".

A list of links is provided: OSCOLA style for use of Fourth Edition (and earlier editions) with EndNote, Citing the Law using OSCOLA - an online tutorial, Frequently asked questions about using OSCOLA style, and Previous edition of OSCOLA: OSCOLA 2006 (pdf).

For further information, please write to [oscola@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oscola@law.ox.ac.uk).

The "OSCOLA Editors" section lists: Donal Nolan (Fellow and Tutor in Law, Worcester College, Oxford University) and Sandra Meredith (Teaching & Learning Officer, Faculty of Law, Oxford University).

The right sidebar features the University of Oxford logo and the text "contribute to Oxford Thinking The Campaign for the University of Oxford". Below this is a "what we do" section with a list of all our courses: commercial law, comparative law, competition law, constitutional and administrative law, corporate law, criminal law, criminology, environmental law, european union law, family law, human rights law, intellectual property law, judicial process, jurisprudence, labour law, law and finance, law of obligations, legal history, and medical law and...