The ACS Style Citation Guide – Print Sources

These sets of citations provide examples of commonly used references formatted in the ACS Style. The ACS Style offers multiple ways for citing sources based on the information available to the researcher. This is not a comprehensive list, researchers needing more information should consult *The ACS Style Guide: Effective Communication of Scientific Information* (3rd Edition) by Anne M. Coghill and Lorrin R. Garson. The “How Do I” section of the library homepage also provides links to additional guides.

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Guide to Journal Title Abbreviations

There is a list for over 1,000 of the most commonly cited journals in *The ACS Style Guide: Effective Communication of Scientific Information* (3rd edition) on pages 328-339.

There is also the CAplus Core Journal Coverage List available online at: http://www.cas.org/expertise/cascontent/caplus/corejournals.html

This is also a very good compilation of journal titles and abbreviations by a librarian from the University of British Columbia: http://www.library.ubc.ca/scieng/coden.html