So, what is a citation?

A citation is made up of elements that can be used to locate a resource. The look of the citation can change, depending on the referencing style.
Elements of a citation

Citation = Who, When, What, Where

- Author/s
- Publication Date
- Publication Title
- Edition
- Article or Chapter Title
- Editor/s
- Page Numbers
- Publisher Details (location and name)
- URL or DOI (Digital Object Identifier)

Note: Not all of these elements will be present in all citations
APA 6th ed.

Examples in this guide are set out in APA 6th style. This is one of the more widely used referencing styles at UON.

For more information and examples see our online APA 6th guide:

Citation for an e-book

1. Author/s

2. Year

3. Book Title
The rise of the Fifth Estate: Social media and blogging in Australian politics.

4. URL [needs retrieval statement] or DOI [needs ‘doi:’ before]*
Retrieved from http://www.eblib.com

* For DOI example, see Journal Article
Citation for a chapter from an edited e-book

1. Author/s: Gosa, T. L.
2. Year: 2011
3. Chapter Title: Black youth, social media, and the 2008 presidential election
4. Add the word ‘In’ before the source, list the Editor/s, then add ‘(Ed.)’ Or ‘(Eds.)’
   In H. S. Noor Al-Deen & J. A. Hendricks (Eds.), Social media: Usage and impact
5. Book Title: (pp. 219-233)
6. Pages: Retrieved from
   http://www.eblib.com
7. URL [needs retrieval statement] or DOI [needs ‘doi:’ before]*

* For DOI example, see Journal Article

4. URL [needs retrieval statement with ACCESS DATE]
Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)

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