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In-Text Citation Patterns for Two or More Authors

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Two Authors

For a work by two authors, cite both surnames every time: (Smith & Lee, 2023). The ampersand appears in the parenthetical form but the word “and” appears in narrative text.

Three or More Authors

For three or more authors, use the first author’s surname followed by “et al.” from the first citation: (Garcia et al., 2022).

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