

TWO SUGGESTED ASSIGNMENT PROGRESSIONS

12 weeks (everything) or 6 weeks (case citations)

A 12-Week Progression Through Citation Made Simple (2d ed.) (covering the full book)

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MOVING FORWARD

The above schedule focuses just on case citations because cases are the most-commonly-cited sources in legal writing, with the most rules to learn. That said, review Citation Made Simple's table of contents to see the additional topics and sources it covers. As you move forward, read any chapters that become applicable. For example, if you need to cite to a statute, or if you want to quote a passage, first read the applicable chapters in Citation Made Simple. Starting with Citation Made Simple will always help you learn and understand The Bluebook's rules more easily and efficiently.