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Each graduate program that requires a dissertation or thesis has adopted an appropriate formatting and documentation style used in scholarly publications in the field. The student and advisor are responsible for ensuring that this style is used consistently throughout the manuscript.

The list of preferred styles is organized alphabetically by school. Under each department or program, students will find the preferred style and the title of a journal or journals for reference.

Students should contact the dean’s office in the school if a style and journal are not listed under the program or department.

Please contact your staff graduate advisor, as individual departments may have additional information regarding formatting styles.

USC School of Architecture
Architecture (M.Arch., Ph.D.)
Building Science (M.B.S.)
   Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Heritage Conservation (M.H.C.)
   Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Landscape Architecture (M.L.Arch.)

USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy
Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

USC Marshall School of Business
All USC Marshall School of Business Ph.D. Programs
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

USC School of Cinematic Arts
Interactive Media (M.F.A.)
   Modern Language Association (MLA) Style
Producing (Peter Stark Program) M.F.A.
   Film Schedules: Entertainment Partners Movie Magic software format
   Screenplays: Industry format
All other programs in School of Cinematic Arts
   Chicago Manual of Style
   Modern Language Association (MLA) Style

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USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

American Studies and Ethnicity
  Chicago Manual of Style
  *American Quarterly*

Anthropology
Visual Anthropology
Art History
  Chicago Manual of Style
  *The Art Bulletin*

Biological Sciences
  Human and Evolutionary Biology: *Diabetes; Journal of Biomechanics, American Journal of Physical Anthropology*
  Marine Environmental Biology: *Limnology and Oceanography; Marine Ecology: Progress Series; Aquatic Microbial Ecology*

Chemistry
  American Chemical Society journal publications style
  *Journal of the American Chemical Society; Journal of Physical Chemistry*

Classics
  Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association author guidelines
  *Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association*

Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture
Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture (Slavic Languages and Literature)
  Chicago Manual of Style
  *Slavic and East European Journal* and *Slavic Review*

Earth Sciences, Geological Sciences
  Geology

East Asian Area Studies M.A.
  Chicago Manual of Style
  *Journal for Asian Studies*

East Asian Languages and Cultures
  Chicago Manual of Style
  Consult with committee chair for field-specific styles

Economics

English
  Chicago Manual of Style or Modern Language Association (MLA) style

Geographic Information Science and Technology
  Turabian’s *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, (2013)
  reference and citation requirements are Chicago 16th with reference to minor modifications provided in Turabian

Geography PhD
  Chicago Manual of Style (if under American Studies Department); Transactions in GIS (if under Dr. John Wilson)
  *American Quarterly Journal* (under American Studies Department); *Transactions in GIS* (under Dr. John Wilson)

History
  Chicago Manual of Style

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American Historical Review
International Relations
Kinesiology
Liberal Studies
Linguistics
  “Language” Style Sheet
  Linguistic Society of America (Language)
Literature and Creative Writing
Mathematics
  See the author guidelines for any one journal in which you would like to publish
Ocean Sciences
  Deep Sea Research
  Limnology and Oceanography
  Geology
Philosophy
  See Journals
  Nous, Ethics, Philosophical Review, Mind, and The Journal of Philosophical Logic
Physics and Astronomy
  American Institute of Physics Style
  Physical Review (any section)
Political Science and International Relations
Psychology
  American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Public Diplomacy
Religion and Social Ethics
Sociology

USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism
  Annenberg Master of Arts degrees
    Chicago Manual of Style
  Strategic Public Relations (M.A.)
    Chicago Manual of Style or Modern Language Association (MLA) style
    Journal of Public Relations Research. Students have also published in
    Communication World (of the IABC) and The Public Relations Strategist (of the PRSA)

Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC
  Craniofacial Biology
    Elsevier Editorial System
    Cell

USC School of Dramatic Arts
  Applied Theatre Arts M.A.
    American Psychological Association (APA) Style
  Theatre (Acting) M.F.A.

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Theatre (Directing) M.F.A.
Theatre (Dramatic Writing) M.F.A.
   Samuel French or Final Draft for plays
Theatre (Theatrical Design) M.F.A.

**USC Rossier School of Education**
All programs within the Rossier School of Education
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

**USC Viterbi School of Engineering**
Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering
Astronautics and Space Technology
Biomedical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Green Technologies
Industrial and Systems Engineering
Materials Science
Petroleum Engineering

**USC Roski School of Fine Arts**
Roski School of Fine Arts (MA and MFA)
   Chicago Manual of Style
   *Grey Room* (MIT Press)

**USC Davis School of Gerontology**
Gerontology
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style
   *The Journals of Gerontology*

**USC Graduate School**
Neuroscience
   *Journal of Neuroscience*

**Keck School of Medicine of USC**
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biostatistics
   *Biometrics*
Cell and Neurobiology
Epidemiology

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Genetic, Molecular and Cellular Biology
Health Behavior Research
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Molecular Epidemiology
Molecular Microbiology and Immunology
Pathology
The American Journal of Pathology
Physiology and Biophysics
Preventive Medicine/Health Behavior Research
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Health Psychology, American Psychologist
Statistical Genetics and Genetic Epidemiology
Biometrics
Systems Biology and Disease

**USC Thornton School of Music**
Choral and Sacred Music (Doctoral)
Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Composition
Early Music Performance
Music Education
Musicology
Chicago Manual of Style
Journal of the American Musicological Society, Nineteenth-Century Music

**USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy**
Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy
American Psychological Association (APA) Style (Social Science); Uniform Requirements (Biological)
American Journal of Occupational Therapy (Social Science); Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Biological)

**USC School of Pharmacy**
Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology
Cell journal format
Cell
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Cell journal format
Cell

**USC Price School of Public Policy**
All programs within the USC Price School of Public Policy
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Chicago Manual of Style 14th ed.
Journal of Regional Science

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