

2017-2018 Thesis and Dissertation Manuscript Formatting and Documentation Styles

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

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

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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

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.

This list is current as of March 2018.

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
 *Educational Researcher, Harvard Educational Review, Journal of Teacher
 Education*

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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USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
Social Work
American Psychological Association (APA) Style

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