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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

USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
   American Studies and Ethnicity
      Chicago Manual of Style
      American Quarterly

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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 16\textsuperscript{th} 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

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

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**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  
Genetic, Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Molecular Epidemiology  
Molecular Microbiology and Immunology  
Pathology  
*The American Journal of Pathology*  
Physiology and Biophysics

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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 Teaching and Learning
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Journal of Research in 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

USC School of Social Work
Social Work

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