

Style Guides

This guide is for information purposes only. Always check with your professor, department or publication to determine the correct style guide to use.

ACS (American Chemical Society)

Primarily used for scientific papers published in journals of the American Chemical Society. Guidelines can be found in the [ACS Style Guide](#) or through the [UW-Madison Library](#) or the [UC Berkeley Library](#).

AMA (American Medical Association)

Recommended by the American Medical Association for scholarly writing about medicine or health-related topics. Guidelines can be found in the online [AMA Manual of Style](#) or in a simplified version at [AMA MedStyle Stat](#).

APA (American Psychological Association)

APA Style is the most commonly used style guide within the social sciences. Guidelines can be found in the online [APA Publication Manual](#), in the free APA style [tutorial](#), and through the [OWL at Purdue](#).

Chicago Style / Turabian

Chicago Style is used in some social science, historical and trade publications and can be found in its entirety at the [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#). Turabian is very similar to Chicago Style but is primarily used in seminar papers, theses and dissertations rather than publications. Guidelines for Turabian style are available online through the [University of Chicago Press](#) and in a simplified version through the [UC Berkeley Library](#).

CSE (Council of Science Editors)

Formerly the CBE (Council of Biological Editors), the CSE style is primarily used in the biological sciences. Guidelines can be found in the [Scientific Style and Format \(CSE Manual\)](#) and online at [Ohio State University Library](#) and [Colorado State University Library](#).

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers)

Primarily used for papers published through IEEE journals, covering the fields of engineering and computer science. Guidelines can be found online in the *2009 IEEE Standards Style Manual*.

Harvard Style

Harvard style is also known as the “author-date” style of citation, and may actually refer to either APA or Chicago Style. Harvard style is a generic term and therefore has no specific guidelines.

MLA (Modern Language Association)

MLA style is commonly used in the humanities, especially languages and literature. Guidelines can be found in the [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#) and the [MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing](#). Online guidelines can be found at the [OWL at Purdue](#) and the [UW Madison Library](#).

NLM (National Library of Medicine)

Primarily used for papers published for biomedical journals and for the National Institute of Health. Guidelines are available in their entirety online through [Citing Medicine: The NLM Style Guide for Authors, Editors and Publishers](#). The website also provides publishing guidelines for various [biomedical organizations](#).

Vancouver

Published as the *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication*, these guidelines are available in their entirety at the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors [website](#). A simplified version is available through the University of Queensland [website](#).