

# maine-thesis — A LaTeX class file for the typesetting of a Masters or Doctorate Thesis at the University of Maine.\*

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## Abstract

This class provides assistance for implementing the thesis formatting requirement of the Graduate School at the University of Maine. Upon the recommendation of their committee, students may follow the style manual of a leading journal or of a professional association for the use of field-specific terminology, formulas, signs, and other features of the text, as well as formats for documenting sources. The format requirements of the graduate school must be satisfied first, even if they depart from the style manual that has been adopted. Papers that have been published in a journal or other publication and are included in the thesis must be re-formatted to adhere to these guidelines.

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# 1 University of Maine Thesis Typesetting Requirements

These requirements for typesetting were retrieved from [The Graduate School at The University of Maine](#). The requirements are listed throughout the implementation section to, generally, clearly identify the intended function of sections of the class, for easy future modification.

## 1.1 Thesis and Dissertation Committee

The thesis will be reviewed by the thesis committee for content and research accuracy. The role of the thesis committee is to guide the student through the research and writing process by providing suggestions and feedback as to the contents, direction, timeline, style, citations, and other aspects of the research.

The thesis draft submitted to the Graduate School should be a product of this negotiation between the student and the committee. Even though the committees recommendations may have a significant impact on the thesis final form, it is the student who is ultimately responsible for the content and style of the thesis.

- Masters thesis committees are comprised of at least three (3) graduate faculty members.
- Doctoral dissertation committees are comprised of at least five (5) graduate faculty members

Graduate faculty are appointed by the Graduate School upon the recommendation of the appropriate department.

## 1.2 Common Formatting Errors

### 1.2.1 Abstract Formatting Errors

All abstracts must have the below information on the same page as the abstract. This information must match the title page. The only difference between the title page and the abstract is the spacing: the abstract should have single spacing for the degree information.

## 1.3 Pagination Errors

The Title Page through Chapter 1 should be numbered using Roman numerals (iii, iv, v, ). The title page should be counted but not numbered. The Abstract

will not have page numbers nor be counted. The body of the dissertation should be numbered using Arabic numbers (1, 2, 3, ). The first page of the body of the text should begin with page 1. All page numbers should be either top right or bottom center.

### 1.3.1 Figure and Table Errors

Figures and tables must be placed within the text, as close to their first mention as possible.<sup>1</sup> Figures and tables that span more than one page must be labeled on each page. Any second and subsequent page of the figure/table must include the (Continued) notation.<sup>2</sup> This applies to figure captions as well as images. Each page of a figure/table must be accounted for and appropriately labeled.<sup>3</sup> All figures/tables must have a unique number. They may not repeat within the dissertation.

### 1.3.2 Window and Orphan Errors

A single line cannot appear alone at the top or bottom of a page. Widow/orphan Control is an option in Word to prevent this. W/O also applies in the reference section. While a lone heading or subheading at the bottom of the page is not technically a widow/orphan, this must be moved to the next page to accompany its text.

### 1.3.3 Horizontal Figures & Tables Errors

Any figures/tables placed in a horizontal orientation must be rotated for readability. Insert a section break to rotate the page.<sup>4</sup>

Page numbers must be placed in the same location on all pages of the dissertation, centered, at the bottom or top of the page.<sup>5</sup> Page numbers may not appear under the table/figure.

### 1.3.4 Supplemental Figures & Tables Errors

Supplemental figures and tables must be placed in an appendix at the back of the dissertation.<sup>6</sup> They should not be placed at the back of the chapter.

### 1.3.5 Appendices Errors

Appendices should be able to stand alone. Formatting applies to figures, tables, etc. There should be no Appendix A if there is no Appendix B. It can be labeled Appendix in this case.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>figure placement is handled automatically by L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

<sup>2</sup>this currently requires manually creating two figures to add continued to the short title

<sup>3</sup>please use the 'ref' and 'label' system in latex

<sup>4</sup>in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X we do not use section breaks for this, but we have landscape package to support

<sup>5</sup>This needs clarification from the graduate school, whether the bottom is in print or digital form

<sup>6</sup>this requires clarification, can one appendix contain multiple figures and tables without additional prose?

<sup>7</sup>Appendix labeling is handled by the maine-thesis class.

### 1.3.6 Biography Errors

The biography is required and will be on the last page of the document. This must be listed in the Table of Contents. The last OR only sentence must read S/He/They is/are a candidate for the <degree type> degree in <program> from the University of Maine in <month> <year>. <sup>8</sup>

### 1.3.7 Post PDF Conversion Formatting Errors

The entire document should be checked after all revisions, and before submitting to the Graduate School, to spot any inconsistencies or PDF conversion glitches.

### 1.3.8 Leader Dots Errors

Leader dots must be present in the Table of Contents, List of Figures, and List of Tables. The 5 Dot leader rule is the most common mistake. There can be no text within 5 dots of the listed page number. <sup>9</sup> For example, if a title is longer than one line, it must be broken into two lines. The top and bottom lines cannot extend any closer than the 5 spaces.

## 2 Example

Here is a straightforward example to illustrate how these macros, if you are building the document from scratch. We recommend that you use the provided template from GitLab or Overleaf<sup>10</sup>.

```
1 (*example)
2 \documentclass[jdecimal, citestyle=apa, 11pt]{maine-thesis}
```

Default options 12pt and final copy Add draft for a faster compiling option with watermarks.

Include necessary packages here

```
3 \usepackage{mwe}
4 \usepackage{blindtext}
```

Replace contents of ... with your own information.

```
5 \title{An essay upon the vasomotor changes in tabes dorsalis}
```

Title of thesis

```
6 \author{Mary Morstan}
```

Author's name: First Middle Last

```
7 \degreesheld{Bachelor of Medicine, University of Edinburg \\\
8 Master of Surgery, University of Edinburg}
```

Previously earned degree(s), institution(s) and year(s).

```
9 \degree{Doctor of Medicine}
```

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<sup>8</sup>This is automatically inserted by the maine-thesis class.

<sup>9</sup>While this is not handled precisely by the maine-thesis class, we have attempted to set the parameters for this to automatically occur whenever possible. Please review manually. Insert a line break when needed to correct. In a future version, the parameters for tuning for different fonts will be exposed

<sup>10</sup>coming soon

Degree to be granted

10 `\program{School of Medicine}`

Degree granting department or program

11 `\submitdate{May 1885}`

Month and year of graduation (do not separate with a comma)

Advisor's [short title and name]name, long title

12 `\principaladvisor{Dr. Seuss}{Dr. Seuss, Professor of Literature}`

13 `% \principalshort{...}`

Shortened advisor name for abstract. See guidelines for example. Should include Dr. as title.

If you have more than one advisor then you'll should delete the first argument ("`[...]`") above and uncomment the following commands

14 `% \secondadvisor{...}`

Include all committee members names and titles

15 `\firstreader{Dr. Dolittle, Vetinary School}`

16 `\secondreader{Dr Watson, Medical School}`

If necessary (i.e. for a doctorate), include extra committee members. Else, comment out or delete any that are unnecessary

17 `\thirdreader{Dr. Digory Kirke, Professor of Geography of Magical Lands}`

If the thesis has MORE than one appendix, leave the following command in. Else, comment it out.

18 `\multipleappendicestrue`

Begin the document.

19 `\begin{document}`

Tag preliminarry material and produce front matter

20 `\preliminary`

21 `\maketitle`

22 `\begin{abstract}`

23 `\blindtext`

24 `\end{abstract}`

25 `% Replace the ... with the list of keywords`

26 `\begin{layabstract}{...}`

`blindtext` is used to generate random text for the example.

27 `\blindtext`

28 `\end{layabstract}`

Commands for the required lists

29 `\tableofcontents`

Sets the document spacing and pagestyle.

30 `\mainmatter`

Main text of the thesis. Use of the 'input' command will make later editing much easier.

31 `\chapter{Observations of Medicine}`

32 `\blindtext`

33

34 `\chapter{Deducatinos about Disease}`

35 `\blindtext`

Include this before any appendices.

```
36 \appendix
37 \chapter{Some extras}
38 \blindtext
    end the document
39 \end{document}
40 \end{example}
```

## 3 Refactoring for V2

### 3.1 File Structure and Maintenance

- The v1 class was a single, manually maintained `.cls` file.
- In v2, `maine-thesis.dtx`, is a single source file that generates both the class file (`maine-thesis.cls`) and its documentation. This allows for a more streamlined and automated maintenance process.
- The `dtx` file format is part of a larger build system that uses `l3build` for unpacking and generating a CTAN-ready package.

### 3.2 Package and Dependency Updates

- The v1 class file used older packages for a variety of tasks.
- The v2 class has been refactored to use modern packages. For example, it now uses `biblatex` with the `biber` backend for citation management[cite: 1, 3, 5]. The previous version did not specify the use of these packages and appears to have a simpler citation approach.
- New dependencies were added, including `fontspec`, `microtype`, `hyperref`, `csquotes`, `titlesec`, and `etoolbox`, which provide more robust font, typography, hyperlinking, and title formatting capabilities.

### 3.3 Formatting and User Interface

- The v1 class managed heading styles using a numerical counter (`\setcounter{head}`) with `\ifcase` logic.
- The v2 `maine-thesis.cls` uses named macros like `\apaheadings`, `\chicagoheadings`, and `\idecimalheadings` for a clearer and more direct way to set heading formats.
- The v2 provides a unified command for caption formatting with `\DeclareCaptionFormat{thesis}`. The original class handled captions through a redefinition of `\makecaption` and other low-level commands.
- The title page and abstract environments were completely redesigned with the `\maketitlehooka` and `\maketitlehookd` commands, allowing for more precise control over the layout.



### 3.4 Code and Variable Changes

- The v1 class contained deprecated commands like `\libraryrights` and `\dissacceptance`.
- The v2 class removes these deprecated commands and replaces them with a `\ClassError` message, informing the user that the Graduate School no longer requires them.
- The `\preliminary` command in the v2 version now sets the `tocdepth` and `secnumdepth` to 1, while the v1 version used a different command for this purpose (`\settocdepth{chapter}`).
- The `\appendix` command in the v2 class now uses `\gdef` to globally change `\chaptername` to “Appendix” and the chapter counter to use alphabetical characters (`\thechapter{\@Alph\c@chapter}`).

```

41 (*package)
42 %   \end{macrocode}
43
44 %   \begin{macrocode}
45 @@=maine-thesis)
46 \NeedsTeXFormat{LaTeX2e}
47 \ProvidesPackage{maine-thesis}[2025/09/01 v2.0 University of Maine Thesis]

\examplemacro

48 \newcommand{\libraryrights}{%
49   \ClassError{maine-thesis}{The Graduate School no longer requires\MessageBreak a Library R
50 }

51 \newcommand{\dissacceptance}{%
52   \ClassError{maine-thesis}{The Graduate School no longer requires\MessageBreak a Dissertat
53 }
```

## 4 Initial Variables

```

54 \newif\ifdraft\draftfalse
55 \newif\iftwoside\twosidefalse
56 \newif\ifmt@official\mt@officialtrue
57 \newif\ifunbound\unboundfalse
58 \newif\ifmt@legacycaptions\mt@legacycaptionsfalse
59 \newif\ifmt@loftspace\mt@loftspacefalse
60 \newcommand\docsize{}
61 \newcommand\side{oneside}
62 \newcounter{secnumdefault}
63 \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
64 \newcounter{head}
65 \setcounter{head}{1000}
66 \def\@margg{1.5in}
67 \def\mt@pagestyle{bottom}
68 % \end{macrocode}
69
70 % \section{Declare Options}
71 %
```

```

72 % \begin{macrocode}
73 \DeclareOption{10pt}{\renewcommand\docsize{10pt}\PassOptionsToClass{10pt}{report}}
74 \DeclareOption{11pt}{\renewcommand\docsize{11pt}\PassOptionsToClass{11pt}{report}}
75 \DeclareOption{12pt}{\renewcommand\docsize{12pt}\PassOptionsToClass{12pt}{report}}

```

## 4.1 Draft Mode

The ‘draft’ option enables a “draft mode” for the document. It sets the ‘ifdraft’ conditional to true, which can be used by other parts of the class to show or hide draft-specific content.

```

76 \DeclareOption{draft}{\drafttrue
77 % When in draft mode, it defaults to a 10pt font size for faster compilation.
78 \ExecuteOptions{10pt}
79 % The ‘draft’ option is passed to the underlying ‘report’ class to
80 % show draft annotations (like black squares for overfull hboxes).
81 \PassOptionsToClass{draft}{report}
82 % Defines a command to display a "DRAFT" watermark or text.
83 \newcommand{\drafttext}{\sffamily\small{DRAFT}}
84 % Sets a conditional to false, which might hide official marks.
85 \mt@officialfalse
86 }

```

## 4.2 Page Layout

These options control the page layout, specifically whether the document is for a one-sided or two-sided print. These options are standard and should be passed to the report class.

```

87 \DeclareOption{twoside}{\mt@officialfalse\unboundfalse\twosidettrue\renewcommand\side{twoside}}
88 \DeclareOption{oneside}{\mt@officialfalse\unboundfalse\renewcommand\side{oneside}\def\@margg{

```

The ‘unbound’ option sets the class for single-sided printing with a smaller left margin, which is suitable for documents that will not be bound.

```

89 \DeclareOption{unbound}{\mt@officialtrue\unboundtrue\def\@margg{1in}}

```

## 4.3 Page Layout

The following options allow the user to choose from different heading styles.

```

90 \def\HeadingStyle{} % Define an empty macro as a placeholder
91 \DeclareOption{apa}{
92   \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
93   \setcounter{head}{0}
94   \def\HeadingStyle{apa}}
95 \DeclareOption{chicago}{
96   \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
97   \setcounter{head}{1}
98   \def\HeadingStyle{chicago}}
99 \DeclareOption{headings}{
100   \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
101   \setcounter{head}{2}
102   \def\HeadingStyle{mainethesis}}
103 \DeclareOption{idecimal}{
104   \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
105   \setcounter{head}{3}

```

```

106 \def\HeadingStyle{idecimal}}
107 \DeclareOption{jdecimal}{
108   \setcounter{secnumdefault}{3}
109   \setcounter{head}{1000}
110   \def\HeadingStyle{jdecimal}}

```

The ‘legacycaptions’ option changes the caption formatting.

```

111 \DeclareOption{legacycaptions}{\mt@legacycaptionstrue}

```

These options control the placement of page numbers.

```

112 \DeclareOption{pagenumberbottom}{\def\mt@pagestyle{bottom}}
113 \DeclareOption{pagenumbertop}{\def\mt@pagestyle{top}}

```

This passes any unknown option directly to the underlying ‘report’ class. This is a catch-all to make the class compatible with standard report options.

```

114 \DeclareOption*{\PassOptionsToClass{\CurrentOption}{report}}

```

The ‘loftspacing’ option enables a specific spacing setting.

```

115 \DeclareOption{loftspacing}{\mt@loftspacetrue\mt@officialfalse}

```

These options are specifically for the ‘xcolor’ package. They intercept the options from ‘documentclass’ and pass them to ‘xcolor’ before it’s loaded, preventing an option clash.

```

116 \DeclareOption{table}{\PassOptionsToPackage{table}{xcolor}}
117 \DeclareOption{xcdraw}{\PassOptionsToPackage{xcdraw}{xcolor}}

```

This defines a macro to store the citation style provided by the user.

```

118 \newcommand*{\@citestyle}{authoryear}

```

This option takes the value passed to ‘citestyle’ (e.g., ‘apa’) and redefines the ‘@citestyle’ macro with that value.

```

119 \DeclareOption{citestyle}{%
120   \renewcommand*{\@citestyle}{#1}%
121 }

```

This command sets the default citation style if none is specified.

```

122 \ExecuteOptions{citestyle=authoryear}

```

#### —EXECUTION OF OPTIONS—

This is the final execution block. It’s crucial for processing all the options that have been declared and passed.

```

123 \ExecuteOptions{12pt,unbound}

124 \ProcessOptions
125 \LoadClass[\docsize,\side]{report}[2022/07/02 v1.4n Standard LaTeX document class]
126 %   \end{macrocode}
127
128 %   \section{Import Required Packages}
129 %   \subsection{Fonts}
130 %   \begin{macrocode}
131 \RequirePackage[T1]{fontenc}[2024/06/01 v2.0h Standard LaTeX package]

```

Provides the T1 font encoding, which allows for correct hyphenation of accented characters and improves overall text rendering.

```

132 \RequirePackage{fontspec}[2022/01/15 v2.8a Font selection for XeLaTeX and LuaLaTeX]

```

Provides advanced font selection with LuaLaTeX and XeLaTeX, allowing for the use of system fonts and OpenType/TrueType font features.

133 `\RequirePackage{microtype}[2023/03/13 v3.1a Micro-typographical refinements (RS)]`

Enhances the appearance of justified text through micro-typographical adjustments like character protrusion and font expansion.

## 4.4 Table of Contents, List of Tables and List of Figures

The List of Tables and the List of Figures (if any) appear as individual pages.

A List of Tables/Figures is necessary even if there is only one table or figure.

If the text of the manuscript contains a consistent set of theorems, symbols, abbreviations, or definitions, those should be listed in a List of Theorems, Symbols, Abbreviations, or Definitions respectively. These lists are included in the Table of Contents.

- Tables/figures must be numbered and titled. Further explanatory information provided in a caption that is not part of the title should not appear on the List of Tables/Figures.
- The tables/figures are numbered separately from each other. Each group is numbered consecutively throughout the entire manuscript or by chapter using a decimal numbering system (e.g., the third table in chapter two will be Table 2.3., and the third figure in chapter two will be Figure 2.3.). The same system should be used for numbering figures AND tables.
- All tables/figures must fit into the required page margins.
- The title and caption of the table/figure are part of the text and must be the same font size and style of the body of the manuscript. It is acceptable for the font within the table/figure to be as small as 9-point font.
- Tables/figures must be placed in the text as they are mentioned. If the Table/Figure is larger than one-half of the page it must be placed on a page of its own.
- Tables/figures that extend onto a second page must be labeled Table/Figure # Continued
- Appendix tables/figures must be numbered separately (e.g., the third table in Appendix A would be numbered Table A.3.) and must be included in the List of Tables.
- Photographs must be originals or high-quality reproductions. All photographs must have captions.

134 `\RequirePackage[titles]{tocloft}[2017/08/31 v2.3i parameterised ToC, etc., typesetting]`

Offers extensive customization of the table of contents, list of figures, and list of tables.

## 4.5 Formatting

135 `\RequirePackage{newunicodechar}` [2018/04/08 v1.2 Defining Unicode characters]

Provides a command to define new Unicode characters, which is essential for modern typesetting.

136 `\RequirePackage{textcomp}` [2020/02/02 v2.0n Standard LaTeX package]

Provides a wide range of symbols and characters not available in default LaTeX fonts, such as the trademark symbol.

137 `\RequirePackage[super]{nth}` [2002/02/27]

Adds commands for typesetting ordinal numbers (e.g., 1st, 2nd, 3rd) with correct superscripting.

138 `\RequirePackage{colorinlistoftodos}{todonotes}` [2023/01/31]

Provides commands for adding margin notes and todo lists during drafting.

## 5 Numbers, Special Characters, and Chemical Formulas

139 `\RequirePackage[version=4]{mhchem}` [2021/12/31 v4.09 for typesetting chemical formulae]

Provides an easy way to write chemical formulas and equations.

140 `\RequirePackage{textgreek}` [2011/10/09 v0.7 Greek symbols in text]

Provides commands for typesetting Greek letters in text mode.

141 `\RequirePackage{siunitx}` [2023-03-14 v3.2.3 A comprehensive (SI) units package]

Provides a powerful command for typesetting SI units and numbers with proper spacing and formatting.

142 `\RequirePackage{geometry}` [2020/01/02 v5.9 Page Geometry]

This package provides a flexible interface to control the document's page layout. Within this class, it's used to set the document margins, including the left margin based on the 'unbound' option.

### 5.1 References and Citations

143 `\RequirePackage[backend=biber, style=\@citestyle, doi = true, autopunct = true, date=year]{biblatex}`

A powerful package for managing bibliographies and citations.

### 5.2 Figures and Tables

Figures: A FIGURE is a graphic illustration (chart, graph, diagram, photo, map, or plate). Figures may be professionally prepared or drawn by the author. In either case, they must be of letter-quality print.

Figures & Tables must be placed as close as possible to their first mention in the text.<sup>11</sup> If a table or figure with the caption is larger than 2/3 of a page, it must be moved to a separate page. Tables and figures referred to in the text may not be placed at the end of the chapter or the end of the dissertation.

144 `\RequirePackage{tabularx}` [2023/12/11 v2.12a]

This package provides the 'tabularx' environment, which is an extension of the standard 'tabular' environment. It includes a new column type, 'X', that automatically adjusts its width to fill the specified table width. This is essential for creating tables that span the full text width of your document.

145 `\RequirePackage{hyperref}` [2023-02-07 v7.00v Hypertext links for LaTeX]

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<sup>11</sup>LaTeX handles this with the figure environment

Creates hyperlinks within the document, making the table of contents, citations, and external links clickable.

146 `\RequirePackage{csquotes}`[2022-09-14 v5.2n context-sensitive quotations (JAW)]

Provides context-sensitive quotation facilities, automatically handling nesting and language-specific rules.

147 `\RequirePackage{graphicx}`[2021/09/16 v1.2d Enhanced LaTeX Graphics (DPC,SPQR)]

A fundamental package for including graphics files in a document.

### 5.2.1 Landscape Figures and Tables

Landscape orientation figures and tables must be oriented as such by inserting a section break and rotating the page. This makes the figure/table readable in digital format.

148 `\RequirePackage{rotating}`[2016/08/11 v2.16d rotated objects in LaTeX]

Provides environments for rotating objects such as figures and tables.

149 `\RequirePackage{lscap}`[2020/05/28 v3.02]

Provides a landscape environment to rotate pages. For PDF output, the ‘pdfscape’ package is required to correctly set the page orientation.

150 `\RequirePackage{pdfscape}`[2022-10-27 v0.13 Display of landscape pages in PDF]

Adds PDF support to the ‘lscap’ environment, ensuring landscape pages are displayed correctly in PDF viewers.

### 5.2.2 Caption

Captions must be on the same page as the figure on the table.<sup>12</sup> If the table exceeds one page, the caption should go on the first page and the second page will be labeled as table/figure continued.<sup>13</sup>

151 `\RequirePackage[margin=10pt,font=small,labelfont=bf,labelsep=endash]{caption}`[2023/03/12 v3.6]

Provides an interface to customize the captions of figures and tables.

152 `\RequirePackage{float}`[2001/11/08 v1.3d Float enhancements (AL)]

Provides the H placement specifier for floats, giving more precise control.

153 `\RequirePackage{booktabs}`[2020/01/12 v1.61803398 Publication quality tables]

Provides commands for drawing professional-looking horizontal rules in tables.

154 `\RequirePackage{xcolor}`[2022/06/12 v2.14 LaTeX color extensions (UK)]

An extended version of the ‘color’ package, providing more color models and table coloring features.

155 `\RequirePackage{multirow}`[2021/03/15 v2.8 Span multiple rows of a table]

Provides a command to create cells that span multiple rows in a table.

156 `\RequirePackage{longtable}`[2021-09-01 v4.17 Multi-page Table package (DPC)]

Provides an environment for creating tables that can span multiple pages.

---

<sup>12</sup>currently, we use a short title and a caption description

<sup>13</sup>currently, this must be handled manually, where the description is null for the second page.

## 5.3 Other Packages

157 `\RequirePackage[none]{hyphenat}` [2009/09/02 v2.3c]

Provides fine control over hyphenation.

158 `\RequirePackage{iftex}` [2022/02/03 v1.0f TeX engine tests]

Provides a conditional command to check which TeX engine is being used.

159 `\RequirePackage{lineno}` [2023/01/19 line numbers on paragraphs v5.1]

Adds line numbers to a document, useful during the drafting process.

160 `\RequirePackage{etoolbox}` [2020/10/05 v2.5k e-TeX tools for LaTeX (JAW)]

A set of tools for programming in LaTeX, providing macros for conditionals.

161 `\RequirePackage{soul}` [2003/11/17 v2.4]

Provides commands for letter-spacing, underlining, and highlighting text.

162 `\RequirePackage{tocbibind}` [2010/10/13 v1.5k extra ToC listings]

Adds the bibliography, index, and lists of figures/tables to the table of contents.

163 `\RequirePackage{titlesec}` [2021/07/05 v2.14 Sectioning titles]

Offers a powerful interface to sectioning commands, allowing for custom headings.

164 `\RequirePackage{textcase}` [2022/07/10 v1.03 Text only upper/lower case changing (DPC)]

Provides robust commands for changing the case of text.

165 `\RequirePackage{titling}` [2004/08/17 v2.1d]

Provides greater control over the typesetting of the title page.

166 `\RequirePackage{setspace}` [2022/12/04 v6.7b set line spacing]

Provides support for setting line spacing, such as single, one-and-a-half, and double spacing.

167 `\RequirePackage{xstring}` [2013/10/13 v1.7c]

Provides commands for advanced string manipulation.

168 `\RequirePackage{afterpackage}` [2006/01/17 v1.1]

Provides a command to execute code after a specific package has been loaded.

## 5.4 Endnotes & Footnotes

Footnotes appear at the bottom of the page or at the end of a chapter; endnotes appear on a separate page at the end of the text before the Bibliography. The notes are numbered consecutively throughout the text by a raised Arabic numeral (e.g. 12) which corresponds to the number of the note at the bottom of the page or at the end of the text.

This is handled by the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>Xbase report class, and no additional packages are needed. Do not use the ‘footnote’ package, as it breaks compatibility with other packages. Consider ‘footnotehyper’ if more advanced controls are needed.

## 6 Additional Variables

### 6.1 Title

This should be defined in an inverted pyramid format, but must be manually constructed by the user.

169 `\def\@title{}`

## 6.2 Author Name

170 \def\@author{}

## 6.3 Author's Pronouns

171 \def\@authorpronoun{}

## 6.4 Author's Previous Degrees

172 \def\@degreesheld{}

## 6.5 Author's Current Degree

For example, Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science

173 \def\@degree{}

## 6.6 Author's Current Program

174 \def\@program{}

## 6.7 Author's Submission Date

May, December or August and Year

175 \def\@submitdate{}

## 6.8 Advisors

176 \def\@principaladvisor{}

177 \def\@secondadvisor{}

178 \def\@principalshort{}

## 6.9 Committee Members

179 \def\@firstreader{}

180 \def\@secondreader{}

181 \def\@thirdreader{}

182 \def\@fourthreader{}

183 \def\@fifthreader{}

## 6.10 Dissertation Tag

184 \def\@type{Dissertation}

185 \def\@LastLevel{0}

## 6.11 Initialize Conditionals

186 \newif\ifmultipleappendices\multipleappendicesfalse

187 \newif\ifcopyrightpage\copyrightpagefalse

188 \newif\ifbigtitlepage\bigtitlepagefalse

189 \newif\ifverybigtitlepage\verybigtitlepagefalse

190 \newif\ifapp\appfalse

## 6.12 Initialize Counts

191 \newcount\numcomm \numcomm=4

192 \newcount\numadv \numadv=1

## 6.13 Define Section Names



```

193 \renewcommand*\contentsname{Table of Contents}
194 \renewcommand*\bibname{References}
195 \renewcommand*\indexname{INDEX}
196 \renewcommand*\chaptername{Chapter}
197 \renewcommand*\appendixname{Appendix}
198 \newcommand*\listname{List of}
199 \newcommand*\chapternamep{\chaptername s}
200 \newcommand*\prefacename{Preface}
201 \newcommand*\acknowledgename{Acknowledgments}
202 \newcommand*\landacknowledgename{Land Acknowledgments}
203 \newcommand*\dedicationname{Dedication}
204 \newcommand*\bioname{Biography of the Author}

```

## 7 Variable Modification Commands

```

205 \renewcommand{\author}[1]{%
206     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@author{#1}\fi}
207 \newcommand{\authorpronoun}[1]{%
208     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@authorpronoun{#1}\fi}
209 \renewcommand{\title}[1]{%
210     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@title{#1}\fi}
211 \newcommand{\degreesheld}[1]{%
212     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@degreesheld{#1}\fi}
213 \newcommand{\degree}[1]{%
214     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@degree{#1}\fi}
215 \newcommand{\program}[1]{%
216     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@program{#1}\fi}
217 \newcommand{\submitdate}[1]{%
218     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@submitdate{#1}\fi}
219 \newcommand{\principaladvisor}[2][\empty]{%
220     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@principalshort{\sloppy#1}\fi%
221     \ifx\empty#2\empty\else\gdef\@principaladvisor{\sloppy#2}\fi%
222     }
223 \newcommand{\secondadvisor}[1]{%
224     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@secondadvisor{\sloppy#1}\fi
225     \twoadvisors}
226 \newcommand{\principalshort}[1]{%
227     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@principalshort{#1}\fi}
228 \newcommand{\firstreader}[1]{%
229     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@firstreader{\sloppy#1}\fi
230     \members{1}}
231 \newcommand{\secondreader}[1]{%
232     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@secondreader{\sloppy#1}\fi
233     \members{2}}
234 \newcommand{\thirdreader}[1]{%
235     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@thirdreader{\sloppy#1}\fi
236     \members{3}}
237 \newcommand{\fourthreader}[1]{%
238     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@fourthreader{\sloppy#1}\fi
239     \members{4}}
240 \newcommand{\fifthreader}[1]{%
241     \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@fifthreader{\sloppy#1}\fi
242     \members{5}}
243 \newcommand{\bibfiles}[1]{%

```

```

244 \ifx\empty#1\empty\else\gdef\@bibfiles{#1}\fi}
245 \newcommand{\members}[1]{\numcomm=#1}
246 \newcommand{\twoadvisors}{\numadv=2}
247 \newcommand{\oneadvisor}{\numadv=1}
248 \newcommand{\thesis}{
249   \gdef\@type{Thesis}}
250 \newcommand{\project}{
251   \gdef\@type{Project}}
252 \newcommand{\compresstitlepage}[1][1]{
253   \ifcase#1
254     \relax
255   \or
256     \bigtitlepagetrue
257   \or
258     \bigtitlepagetrue
259     \verybigtitlepagetrue
260   \fi
261 }
262 \renewcommand{\bibname}{References}

```

## 8 Custom Commands

Our goal is to minimize these as much as possible in future versions.

### 8.1 comment

```

263 \newcommand{\comment}[1]{
264   \ifdraft
265     \marginpar{
266       \color{red}\flushleft\scriptsize\setlength{\baselineskip}{7pt}
267       {\MakeTextUppercase{Note}: #1}}
268   \fi
269 }

```

### 8.2 ignore

```

270 \newcommand{\ignore}[1]{}

```

### 8.3 highlight

```

271 \newcommand{\highlight}[1]{%
272   \ifdraft%
273     \hl{#1}%
274   \else%
275     #1%
276   \fi%
277 }

```

## 9 General Formatting

### 9.1 Line Numbering on Draft Mode

```

278 \ifdraft{\linenumbers}\fi
279 % \end{macrocode}
280 % \subsection{Default Font}
281 % \begin{macrocode}

```

```

282
283 % \section{Style and Format}
284 % \subsection{Recommended Fonts \& Point Size}
285 % The texts body font must also be used in headers, page numbers, and footnotes.
286 % Exceptions are made only for tables and figures created with different software and inserted
287 % \begin{itemize}
288 %   \item Arial 10 pt
289 %   \item Century 11 pt
290 %   \item Courier New 10 pt
291 %   \item Garamond 12 pt\footnote{In the maine-thesis class, we set EBGaramond as default si
292 %   \item Georgia 11 pt
293 %   \item Lucida Bright 10 pt
294 %   \item Microsoft Sans Serif 10 pt
295 %   \item Tahoma 10 pt
296 %   \item Times New Roman 12 pt
297 %   \item Trebuchet MS 10 pt
298 %   \item Verdana 10 pt
299 % \end{itemize}
300 \setmainfont{EB Garamond}
301 % \end{macrocode}
302 %
303 % \subsection{Geometry}
304 % \begin{itemize}
305 %   \item Page Size: Standard Letter 8.5 by 11 inches
306 %   \item Margins: 1 inch for all margins
307 %   \item Spacing: Double spacing except for degree information on the Abstract \& Block quot
      spacing between each entry
308 % \end{itemize}
309 %
310 % \begin{macrocode}
311 \geometry{
312   letterpaper,
313   margin=1in,
314   left=\@margg,
315   headsep=0.4in,
316   headheight=14pt,
317   footskip=30pt,
318   marginparwidth=40pt,
319   marginparsep=10pt}
320 % \end{macrocode}
321 % \subsection{Additional Page Format}
322 % \begin{macrocode}
323 \setcounter{secnumdepth}{\value{secnumdefault}}
324 \setcounter{tocdepth}{\value{secnumdefault}}
325 \raggedbottom
326 \raggedright
327 \parindent=1.5em\relax
328 \markboth{}{}
329 \clubpenalty=10000
330 \widowpenalty=10000
331 % \end{macrocode}
332 % \subsection{Font Parameter}
333 % \begin{macrocode}
334 \def\verbatim@font{\rmfamily}

```

```

335 % \subsection{Spacing for Title Page and Headings}
336 % \begin{macrocode}
337 \newcommand*\loftspacing{10}

```

## 10 Caption Format Declaration

This customized the output from the captions package

- Tables/figures must be numbered and titled. Further explanatory information provided in a caption that is not part of the title should not appear on the List of Tables/Figures.
- The tables/figures are numbered separately from each other. Each group is numbered consecutively throughout the entire manuscript or by chapter using a decimal numbering system (e.g., the third table in chapter two will be Table 2.3., and the third figure in chapter two will be Figure 2.3.). The same system should be used for numbering figures AND tables.
- All tables/figures must fit into the required page margins.
- The title and caption of the table/figure are part of the text and must be the same font size and style of the body of the manuscript. It is acceptable for the font within the table/figure to be as small as 9-point font.
- Tables/figures must be placed in the text as they are mentioned. If the Table/Figure is larger than one-half of the page it must be placed on a page of its own.
- Tables/figures that extend onto a second page must be labeled Table/Figure # Continued
- Appendix tables/figures must be numbered separately (e.g., the third table in Appendix A would be numbered Table A.3.) and must be included in the List of Tables.
- Photographs must be originals or high-quality reproductions. All photographs must have captions.

```

338 \DeclareCaptionFormat{thesis}
339 {
340     \textbf{\#1\#2}\textit{\small \#3}
341 }
342 \captionsetup{format=thesis}

```

## 11 Heading Format Definitions for the Table of Contents

### 11.1 Macros

```

343 %Macro for period after heading
344 \def\adddot#1{\#1.\thinspace}
345 %macro for underline
346 \def\addul#1{\underline{\#1}}

```

```
347 \def\adddotul#1{\underline{#1}.\thinspace}
```

## 11.2 APA 7 Format

The APA 7 format uses a five-level heading system. The critical features are:

- Level 1 (Chapter): Centered and bold, with uppercase text.
- Levels 2 & 3 (Section & Subsection): Flush left, with level 2 bold and level 3 bold and italic.
- Levels 4 & 5 (Subsubsection & Paragraph): Run-in headings, meaning the text follows on the same line. Level 4 is bold, and level 5 is bold and italic. Both are followed by a period.

```
348 \newcommand{\apaheadings}{%
349   \typeout{applying apa headings}
350   %--- APA 7 Style Headings ---
351   \titleformat{\chapter}[display]{\normalfont\centering\bfseries}{\chaptertitlename\ \thechapter}
352     3pt}{\MakeTextUppercase}
353   \titlespacing{\chapter}{0pt}{50pt}{15pt}
354   \titleformat{\section}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesection}{0em}{}
355   \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{3.5ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{2.3ex plus .2ex}
356   \titleformat{\subsection}{\normalfont\bfseries\itshape}{\thesubsection}{0em}{}
357   \titlespacing{\subsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{1.5ex plus .1ex}
358   \titleformat{\subsubsection}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsubsection}{1em}{\addot
359   \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{\parindent}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}{1em]
360   \titleformat{\paragraph}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries\itshape}{\theparagraph}{1em}{\addot
361   \titlespacing{\paragraph}{\parindent}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}{1em]
361 }
```

## 11.3 Chicago Format

The Chicago format, as defined here, has a clear hierarchy with varying alignment and capitalization. Its critical features are:

- Levels 1 & 2 (Chapter & Section): Centered. Level 1 is bold and uppercase, while level 2 is regular and uppercase.
- Level 3 (Subsection): Flush left, bold, and italic. The text is also in uppercase.
- Level 4 (Subsubsection): Flush left with normal roman font. The text is in sentence case.
- Level 5 (Paragraph): A run-in heading that is bold and italic, followed by a period.

```
362 \newcommand{\chicagoheadings}{%
363   % Level 1: Centered, Boldface, Headline-style
364   \titleformat{\chapter}[display]{\normalfont\centering\bfseries}{\chaptertitlename\ \thechapter}
365     3pt}{\MakeTextUppercase}
366   \titlespacing{\chapter}{0pt}{50pt}{15pt}
367   % Level 2: Centered, Regular, Headline-style
368   \titleformat{\section}{\normalfont\centering\normalsize}{\thesection}{1.5ex}{\MakeTextUpp
```

```

369 \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{3.5ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{2.3ex plus .2ex}
370
371 % Level 3: Flush Left, Bold Italic, Headline-style
372 \titleformat{\subsection}{\normalfont\bfseries\itshape\normalsize}{\thesubsection}{0em}{\thechapter}
373 \titlespacing{\subsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{1.5ex plus .1ex}
374
375 % Level 4: Flush left, Roman type, Sentence-style
376 \titleformat{\subsubsection}{\normalfont\normalsize}{\thesubsubsection}{0em}{\thechapter}
377 \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt plus .1ex}
378
379 % Level 5: Run in, Bold Italic, Sentence-style, with period
380 \titleformat{\paragraph}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries\itshape}{\thechapter}{1em}{\thechapter}
381 \titlespacing{\paragraph}{\parindent}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}[1em]
382 }

```

## 11.4 Maine Thesis Default Format

The format that was provided in the old DOCX template from the Graduate School

- Underlining: It uses underlining for several heading levels.
- 
- Levels 1-3: Level 1 (Chapter) is centered and bold. Level 2 and 3 (Section and Subsection) are flush left and bold. Level 2 is followed by an underline, and level 3 is a run-in heading that is bold, followed by a period and underline.
- Levels 4-5: The fourth- and fifth-level headings are also run-in, with the fourth being bold and underlined, and the fifth (paragraph) being regular text with a period and underline.

```

383 \newcommand{\mainethesisheadings}{%
384   %--- Sample Headings from Guidelines ---
385   % Chapter Titles
386   \titleformat{\chapter}[display]{\normalfont\centering\bfseries}{\chaptertitlename}{\thechapter}{3pt}{\MakeTextUppercase}
387   \titlespacing{\chapter}{0pt}{50pt}{15pt}
388
389   % First Level Headings
390   \titleformat{\section}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thechapter}{0pt}{\addul}
391   \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{3.5ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{2.3ex plus .2ex}
392
393   % Second Level Headings
394   \titleformat{\subsection}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsection}{0pt}{\thechapter}
395   \titlespacing{\subsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{1.5ex plus .1ex}
396
397   % Third Level Headings
398   \titleformat{\subsubsection}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsubsection}{0pt}{\adddotul}
399   \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}
400
401   % Fourth Level Headings
402   \titleformat{\paragraph}[runin]{\normalfont}{\thechapter}{0pt}{\adddotul}
403   \titlespacing{\paragraph}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}
404 }

```

## 11.5 iDecimal Format

The iDecimal format emphasizes a clear decimal numbering system. Its critical features are:

- Numbering: All heading levels are numbered, which is more explicit than some other styles.
- Consistency: The style maintains a consistent use of bold for all heading levels.
- Alignment: Headings are flush left, except for the chapter title, which is centered.
- Run-in Headings: The last two levels are run-in, with a period at the end.

```
405 \newcommand{\idecimalheadings}{%
406   \setcounter{tocdepth}{4}
407   % Chapter Titles: Centered and bold
408   \titleformat{\chapter}[display]{\normalfont\centering\bfseries}{\thechapter}{1em}{}
409   \titlespacing{\chapter}{0pt}{50pt}{15pt}
410
411   % Level 1 Headings: Bold, followed by a line break
412   \titleformat{\section}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesection}{1em}{}
413   \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{3.5ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{2.3ex plus .2ex}
414
415   % Level 2 Headings: Bold, followed by a line break
416   \titleformat{\subsection}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsection}{1em}{}
417   \titlespacing{\subsection}{0pt}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{1.5ex plus .1ex}
418
419   % Level 3 Headings: Bold, run-in with a period, with 1em spacing between number and title
420   \titleformat{\subsubsection}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsubsection}{1em}{\addot}
421   \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{\parindent}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}{1em}
422
423   % Level 4 Headings: Bold, run-in with a period, with 1em spacing
424   \titleformat{\paragraph}[runin]{\normalfont\bfseries}{\theparagraph}{1em}{\adddot}
425   \titlespacing{\paragraph}{\parindent}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{0pt}{1em}
426 }
```

## 11.6 jDecimal Format

The jDecimal format, or Justified Decimal System, is characterized by its use of indentation in a justified, decimal format.

- Indentation: It uses increasing indentation for lower-level headings. For example, subsection has 1.5em indentation, and subsubsection has 3.8em.
- Uppercase: It uses uppercase for both chapters and sections.
- Consistency: Like the iDecimal format, it uses bolding for most levels to provide emphasis.

```
427 \newcommand{\jdecimalheadings}{%
428   %--- Justified Decimal System (Default) ---
429   \titleformat{\chapter}[display]{\normalfont\centering\bfseries\normalsize}{\chaptername\
3pt}{\MakeUppercase}
```

```

430 \titlespacing{\chapter}{0pt}{0pt}{15pt}
431 \titleformat{\section}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesection}{1.5ex}{\MakeTextUppercase}
432 \titlespacing{\section}{0pt}{1.5ex plus .2ex minus 0pt}{.3ex plus .2ex}
433 \titleformat{\subsection}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsection}{0.3ex}{\}
434 \titlespacing{\subsection}{1.5em}{0.3ex plus .2ex minus 0pt}{.2ex plus .1ex}
435 \titleformat{\subsubsection}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\thesubsubsection}{0.2ex}{\}
436 \titlespacing{\subsubsection}{3.8em}{0.2ex plus .1ex minus 0pt}{0.2ex plus .1ex}
437 \titleformat{\paragraph}{\normalfont\bfseries}{\theparagraph}{0pt}{\}
438 \titlespacing{\paragraph}{7.0em}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}
439 \titleformat{\subparagraph}{\normalfont\hspace{1.5em}}{\thesubparagraph}{0pt}{\addul}
440 \titlespacing{\subparagraph}{7.0em}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}{3.25ex plus 1ex minus .2ex}
441 }

```

## 12 Implement Heading from Options Flag

```

442 \typeout{=== Checking HeadingStyle Flag ===}
443
444 \ifdefined\HeadingStyle
445 \typeout{--- Using \string\csname to execute style \HeadingStyle ---}
446 \csname\HeadingStyle headings\endcsname
447 \else
448 \typeout{--- No HeadingStyle option was selected. ---}
449 \fi
450
451 \typeout{=== Finished HeadingStyle Check ===}
452
453

```

## 13 Page Style

### 13.1 Bottom of Page

```

454 \newcommand{\ps@bottom}{%
455 \renewcommand{\@oddhead}{%
456 \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\today\hfil\drafttext\else\fi}%
457 \renewcommand{\@evenhead}{\@oddhead}
458 \renewcommand{\@oddfoot}{%
459 \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\thepage
460 \hfil\drafttext\else\hfil\thepage\hfil\fi}
461 \renewcommand{\@evenfoot}{\@oddfoot}
462 }

```

### 13.2 Empty Page

```

463 \renewcommand{\ps@empty}{%
464 \renewcommand{\@oddhead}{%
465 \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\today\hfil\drafttext\else\fi}%
466 \renewcommand{\@evenhead}{\@oddhead}
467 \renewcommand{\@oddfoot}{%
468 \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\drafttext\else\fi}
469 \renewcommand{\@evenfoot}{\@oddfoot}
470 }

```

### 13.3 Top of Page



```

471 \newcommand{\ps@top}{%
472     \renewcommand{\@oddhead}{%
473         \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\today\hfil\drafttext\else\thepage\fi}%
474     \renewcommand{\@evenhead}{%
475         \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\today\hfil\drafttext\else\thepage\fi}%
476     \renewcommand{\@oddfoot}{%
477         \ifdraft\drafttext\hfil\thepage\hfil\drafttext\else\fi}%
478     \renewcommand{\@evenfoot}{\@oddfoot}%
479 }

```

## 13.4 Plain Page

```

480 \pagestyle{\mt@pagestyle}
481 \renewcommand{\ps@plain}{\csname ps@\mt@pagestyle\endcsname}

```

## 14 Title Page Format

The Title Page is the first page of the manuscript. It is considered page i, but the number does not appear on the page. The following should be **CENTERED** included on the title page:

- Title of thesis in ALL CAPS, bold, and inverted pyramid format
- The students full name as it appears in University records
- Previous degree(s) earned
- A statement of fulfilling requirements for the degree sought
- Institution name The Graduate School
- Institution name The University of Maine
- The month and year of the students graduation date
- The advisory committee members (single space & left justify if necessary to keep on one page)

Note: The first name(s) listed is the Advisors (or Co-Advisors) and their title(s) followed by the names and titles of the remaining committee members. Do not include degrees such as Dr. on the title page. <sup>14</sup> This page is to acknowledge committee members exclusively, Readers are recognized in the Acknowledgements.

### 14.1 Refacotring Make Title

#### 14.1.1 Pre Title Formatting

```

482 \pretitle{
483     \begin{center}
484
485     \bfseries\MakeTextUppercase
486 }

```

#### 14.1.2 Post Title Formatting

```

487 \posttitle{

```

---

<sup>14</sup>this requires review of the package specifications, and additional documentation for its use

```

488     \end{center}
489 }

```

### 14.1.3 Pre Author Formatting

```

490 \preauthor{
491     \begin{center}
492     By \\
493     \MakeUppercase
494 }

```

### 14.1.4 Post Author Formatting

```

495 \postauthor{
496     \\
497     \@degreesheld
498     \end{center}
499 }

```

### 14.1.5 Title Page Hook Formatting

```

500 \renewcommand{\maketitlehooka}{
501     \thispagestyle{empty}
502     \ifverybigtitlepage
503         \onehalfspacing
504     \else
505         \doublespacing
506     \fi
507 }

508 \renewcommand{\maketitlehookd}{
509     \begin{center}
510         A \MakeTextUppercase{\@type}\[4pt]
511         Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of the\\
512         Requirements for the Degree of\\
513         \expandafter{\@degree}\\
514         (in \expandafter{\@program})\\
515         \vskip 0.5in
516         The Graduate School\\
517         The University of Maine\\
518         \expandafter{\@submitdate}
519         \vfill
520     \end{center}
521     \ifbigtitlepage
522         \singlespacing
523     \fi
524     \begin{flushleft}
525     Advisory Committee:
526     \begin{list}{}{}%
527         \setlength{\itemsep}{0pt}%
528         \setlength{\topsep}{0in}%
529         \setlength{\partopsep}{0pt}%
530         \setlength{\itemindent}{-\parindent}%
531         \setlength{\leftmargin}{1cm}%
532     }
533     % Check if the principal advisor is defined before printing
534     \ifx\@principaladvisor\empty\else

```

```

535         \item{\@principaladvisor, %
536             \ifnum\numadv=2%
537                 Co-%
538             \fi%
539             Advisor}
540     \fi
541     % Check for second advisor before printing
542     \ifx\@secondadvisor\empty\else
543         \item{\@secondadvisor, Co-Advisor}
544     \fi
545     % Check for each reader before printing
546     \ifx\@firstreader\empty\else
547         \item{\@firstreader}
548     \fi
549     \ifx\@secondreader\empty\else
550         \item{\@secondreader}
551     \fi
552     \ifx\@thirdreader\empty\else
553         \item{\@thirdreader}
554     \fi
555     \ifx\@fourthreader\empty\else
556         \item{\@fourthreader}
557     \fi
558     \ifx\@fifthreader\empty\else
559         \item{\@fifthreader}
560     \fi
561 \end{list}
562 \end{flushleft}
563 \clearpage
564 }

```

## 15 Table of Contents Formatting

All chapter divisions and subsections must be included in the Table of Contents and labeled exactly as they appear in the text.

### 15.1 Unlisted Sections

The Copyright page, Abstract, and Table of Contents are NOT listed in the Table of Contents. <sup>15</sup>

### 15.2 Chapter Divisions and Subsections

All chapter divisions and subsections must be listed in the Table of Contents. Regardless of the system of headings being used for organizing the text of the manuscript (headings system or decimal system), all sub-divisions should be indented appropriately in the Table of Contents. One system should be used consistently throughout the entire manuscript to define the chapter divisions and subsections. <sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup>this is handled within each of the environment definitions

<sup>16</sup>five styles are provided here

### 15.3 Table of Contents Font Specs

```
565 \renewcommand{\cftchapfont}{\normalfont\bfseries}
566 \renewcommand{\cftchappagefont}{\normalfont}
567 \renewcommand{\cftloftitlefont}{\normalfont\bfseries}
```

### 15.4 Define Environment for Custom Thesis List

```
568 \newenvironment{thesislist}[1]{%
569     \chapter*{\listname\ #1}
570     \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\listname\ #1}}{\listname\ #1}}
571     \begingroup
572 }{\par\endgroup}
```

Define Leader Dots

### 15.5 Leader Dots in the Table of Contents

Leader dots must be used to connect the chapter divisions/subsection headings to their respective page numbers. A minimum of 5 leader dots between the chapter divisions/subsections and the page numbers is required (i.e. the text of the headings should not extend into the area where the page numbers are placed).

```
573 \renewcommand{\cftchapleader}{\cftdotfill{\cftdotsep}}
574 \renewcommand{\cftsecleader}{\cftdotfill{\cftdotsep}}
575 \renewcommand{\cftsubsecleader}{\cftdotfill{\cftdotsep}}
576 \renewcommand{\cftfigleader}{\cftdotfill{\cftdotsep}}
577 \renewcommand{\cfttableleader}{\cftdotfill{\cftdotsep}}
578 \renewcommand{\contentsname}{Table of Contents}
```

#### 15.5.1 Ensuring that Leaders Dots meet 5-dot-rule

These should eventually be exposed as options with default values. `cftsecindent` and `cftsecnumwidth` define where the title starts.

```
579 \setlength{\cftsecindent}{1.5em}
580 \setlength{\cftsecnumwidth}{2em}
```

`cftsetrmarg` and `cftsetpnumwidth` define where the dotted leader ends and where the page number starts.

```
581 \cftsetrmarg{3cm}
```

Sets the right margin for the TOC entry

```
582 \cftsetpnumwidth{2cm}
```

Sets the width for the page number box

## 16 Abstract Environment

An abstract (not paginated), which is a clearly written, concise summary of the thesis, must be included in the manuscript. It describes the problem, the procedures or methods used, and the results and conclusions of the research. Since doctoral abstracts are included in Dissertation Abstracts International, it is extremely important to write accurately. Formulas, diagrams, or other illustrations are not included in the abstract.

The heading of the abstract should be centered and include:

•

- Title of the thesis in ALL CAPS, bold, and inverted pyramid format
- The authors full name
- The name of the thesis advisor (including degree Dr.)
- A statement that the thesis is fulfilling requirements for a degree sought in a particular department
- The month and year of the students graduation date

```

583 \newcounter{mt@page}
584 \renewenvironment{abstract}{%
585     \doublespacing
586     \begin{center}
587         {\bfseries\MakeTextUppercase{\@title}}\\
588         By\space\@author\\[4pt]
589         \@type\ %
590         \ifnum\numadv=2%
591             Co-Advisors: \@principalshort and \@secondadvisor
592         \else
593             Advisor: \@principalshort
594         \fi
595         \vskip 0.33in
596         \singlespacing
597         An Abstract of the \@type\ Presented\\
598         in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the\\
599         Degree of \@degree\\
600         (in \@program)\\
601         \@submitdate
602         \vskip 36pt plus 2pt minus 12pt
603     \end{center}
604     \doublespacing
605     \begingroup\par
606     \pagestyle{empty}
607 }
608 {\cleardoublepage
609     \par\endgroup
610 }

```

## 17 Lay Abstract Environment

```

611 \newenvironment{layabstract}[1]{%
612     \doublespacing
613     \begin{center}
614         {\bfseries\MakeTextUppercase{\@title}}\\
615         By\space\@author\\[4pt]
616         \@type\ %
617         \ifnum\numadv=2%
618             Co-%
619         \fi%
620         Advisor%
621         \ifnum\numadv=2%
622             s%

```

```

623      \fi%
624      : \@principalshort
625      \vskip 0.33in
626      \singlespacing
627      A Lay Abstract of the \@type\ Presented\\
628      in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the\\
629      Degree of \@degree\\
630      (in \@program)\\
631      \@submitdate
632      \vskip 26pt plus 2pt minus 12pt
633      \end{center}
634      Keywords: \MakeLowercase{#1}
635      \vskip 26pt plus 2pt minus 12pt
636      \doublespacing
637      \begin{group}\par
638      \pagestyle{empty}
639      }
640      {\cleardoublepage
641      \par\endgroup
642      }

```

## 18 Acknowledgements Environment

```

643 \newenvironment{acknowledgements}{%
644     \chapter*{\acknowledgename}
645     \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\acknowledgename}}{\acknowledgename}}
646     \doublespacing
647     \begin{group}
648 }{\par\endgroup}

```

## 19 Land Acknowledgements Environment

University of Maine graduate students are expected to include a statement in their final thesis or dissertation that acknowledges that their graduate study has taken place on the ancestral lands of the Wabanaki Tribal Nations. The Graduate School acting through the Graduate Board recommends two nonexclusive options for a tribal land acknowledgement. The first option is to include the statement that was developed by the Presidents Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and adopted by the University of Maine in the acknowledgments section of the thesis/dissertation.<sup>17</sup> The second option, which may be especially relevant to graduate students undertaking qualitative research studies is to include a researcher positionality statement in the thesis/dissertation.<sup>18</sup>

Graduate programs supporting option two should provide resources to graduate students electing this option. The development of a researcher positionality statement that acknowledges the land may be used to complement the formal University land acknowledgment statement or may be used as an alternative to this statement.

For Custom Land Acknowledgements

```

649 \newenvironment{landacknowledgements}{%
650     \chapter*{\landacknowledgename}

```

<sup>17</sup>The 'glsa' command supports this default option.

<sup>18</sup>The LandAcknowledgements Environment supports this option.

```

651 \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\landacknowledgename}}{}}
652 \doublespacing
653 \begingroup
654 }{\par\endgroup}

```

## 20 GRADUATE SCHOOL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Default GLSA Land Acknowledgement

```

655
656 \newcommand{\glsa}{%
657 \chapter*{UNIVERSITY OF MAINE GRADUATE SCHOOL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT}
658 The University of Maine recognizes that it is located on Marsh Island in the homeland of
    governance and self-determination.
659 \vfill
660 \clearpage
661 }

```

## 21 Pagination

- Pagination: Check pagination carefully. Account for all pages.
- The Title Page is counted as page i but the number does not appear on the page.
- Excluding the Abstract, all other pages of the thesis are numbered including display (optional) pages.
- The preliminary pages, starting with the Copyright Notice (if included), are marked by lowercase Roman numerals (ii, iii, iv, v, vi, etc.).
- Beginning with the first page of the text, all pages including the appendices, are numbered consecutively with Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, 4, etc.). The following table displays the proper pagination of all parts of the thesis and which pages should be listed on the Table of Contents.
- Page numbers appear either on the top right or bottom center of the page. Page numbers need not fall within the required margins of the text, yet they must not appear closer than half an inch from the top, one inch from the right, or half an inch from the bottom edge of the page. The page numbers location and font style must be consistent throughout the manuscript.

### 21.1 Preliminary

Contents following this tag are front matter with roman numeral page numbering

```

662 \newcommand{\preliminary}{%
663 \pagenumbering{roman}
664 \setcounter{tocdepth}{1} % Sets the ToC depth to chapters and above
665 \setcounter{secnumdepth}{1} % Sets the section numbering depth to chapters and above
666 }

```

## 21.2 Main Matter

Contents following this tag are considered chapters

```
667 \newcommand{\mainmatter}{%
668     \cleardoublepage
669     \doublespacing
670     \pagenumbering{arabic}
671     \setcounter{tocdepth}{\value{secnumdefault}}
672     \setcounter{secnumdepth}{\value{secnumdefault}}
673 }
```

## 21.3 Appendix

### 21.3.1 Appendices in the Table of Contents

Each Appendix must be listed by its title and page number. If there is only one Appendix, it is listed by the name Appendix and its title. Therefore, an Appendix A should not be listed unless there is an Appendix B.

All chapters after the Appendix flag are appendices.

```
674 \renewcommand{\appendix}{%
675   \cleardoublepage
676   \doublespacing
677   \setcounter{tocdepth}{1} % Sets the ToC depth to chapters and above
678   \setcounter{secnumdepth}{1} % Sets the section numbering depth to chapters and above
679   \setcounter{chapter}{0}
680   \appttrue
681   \gdef\chaptername{Appendix} % This changes the name globally
682   \gdef\thechapter{@Alph{c}chapter}% Changes the numbering globally
683   \ifmultipleappendices%
684       \cftaddtitleline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeUppercase{Appendices}}{Appendices}}
685   \fi
686 }
```

### 21.3.2 Appendices Titles

We add Appendix to the chapter name for all appendices.

```
687 \pretocmd{\chapter}{\ifapp\renewcommand*\chaptername{Appendix}\fi}{}{}
```

## 22 Biography Environment

The Biography of the Author page is the LAST page of the thesis. A biography of the candidate must be included in the thesis.

For privacy reasons, students may exclude personal information. In such a case, the only line on the biography will read: ‘Name/Pronoun’ is/are a candidate for the ‘DEGREE TYPE’ degree in ‘FIELD OF STUDY’ from The University of Maine in ‘Month’ ‘Year’. If a student chooses to include a biography, it must be written in the third person. The absolute last line MUST read: ‘Name/Pronoun’ is/are a candidate for the ‘DEGREE TYPE’ degree in ‘FIELD OF STUDY’ from The University of Maine in ‘Month’ ‘Year’.

```
688 \newenvironment{biography}{%
689   \chapter*{\bioname}
```



```

690 ~ ~ \addtocontents{toc}{\protect\nopagebreak}
691 ~ ~ \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\bioname}}{\bioname}}
692 ~ ~ \begingroup
693 ~ ~ \doublespacing
694 ~ ~ \thispagestyle{plain}
695 }{%
```

This section adds the required text as the last sentence of the biography.

```

696 ~ ~ \par
697 ~ ~ \ifx\@authorpronoun\empty
698 ~ ~ ~ ~ \@author
699 ~ ~ ~ ~ \else
700 ~ ~ ~ ~ \@authorpronoun
701 ~ ~ ~ ~ \fi%
702 ~ ~ \ is a candidate for the \@degree\ degree in \@program\ from the University of Maine in \
703 }
```

## 23 Copyright Page

Unless the manuscript has been formally registered (copyrighted), this page is optional. If the student chooses to acknowledge his or her rights as an author, a copyright notice should be placed as the sole text on a page immediately following the title page. The page is numbered but a listing does not appear on the Table of Contents. The copyright notice is centered vertically and horizontally within the margins. Unless there are special terms under which the work has been copyrighted the text of the notice may take either of the two forms below. Consider Creative Commons as an option for obtaining copyright.

Use of Third-Party Content: For additional information regarding the use of copyrighted materials, please visit the U.S. Copyright Office website at <http://www.copyright.gov>

```

704 \newcommand{\copyrightpage}{%
705   \setcounter{page}{3} % we must manually set the copyright page because of the runtime cal
706   \copyrightpagetrue
707   \onehalfspacing
708   \thispagestyle{plain}
709   \hbox{ }
710   \vfill
711   \begin{center}
712     \copyright \the\year{} \space \@author\
713     All Rights Reserved
714   \end{center}
715   \vfill
716   \clearpage
717 }
```

## 24 Dedication Environment

This page is for the author to express professional and/or personal indebtedness. Permission(s) to use previously copyrighted materials, receipt of grant funds, recognition of readers, etc. are acknowledged on this page. Students must be consistent with the use of the third (the author) or first person throughout. This

page is optional, but if included, it is paginated (lowercase Roman numerals) and listed in the Table of Contents.

The use of copyrighted materials can be mentioned on the Acknowledgments page. Any copyright permission letters related to the manuscript should be included in an appendix.

```
718 \newenvironment{dedication}{%
719   \chapter*{\dedicationname}
720   \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\dedicationname}}{\dedicationname}}
721   \vskip 0.5in
722   \doublespacing
723   \begin{group}
724   \begin{center}
725 }{\end{center}}\par\endgroup}
```

25 Preface Environment

This is an optional section in the front matter.

```
726 \newenvironment{preface}{%
727   \chapter*{\prefacename}
728   \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\prefacename}}{\prefacename}}
729   \doublespacing
730   \begin{group}\setcounter{secnumdepth}{0}
731 }{\setcounter{secnumdepth}{\value{secnumdefault}}}\par\endgroup}
```

26 Custom Formatting for References

The graduate school allows for field-specific citation styles, but requires. Note that the citation style is specified in the class options above and implemented with Biblatex and Biber.

The references command will render the references on a new page.

```
732 \newcommand{\references}{%
733   \cleardoublepage
734   \singlespacing}
```

The references are added to the table of contents as a chapter.

```
735   \phantomsection
736   \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\texorpdfstring{\MakeTextUppercase{\bibname}}{\bibname}}
```

The bibliography is printed from Biblatex and Biber.

```
737   \printbibliography
738 }
```

```
739 \end{package}
```

27 Change History

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