Proofreading Checklist Electronic Thesis or Dissertation Default Formatting Style



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Entire Document — Guidelines can be found in the Formatting Manual. This	Page # / Other
manual is applicable to all students completing an ETD, regardless of disciplinary style.	
Certain exceptions to the guidelines are available in section 2.8. This style is intended	
to be used by students in natural, physical, medical and life sciences, mathematics,	
engineering, and some health sciences. Sometimes the humanities use this style, but	
more often they will use the APA formatting style we have available.	
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No text or images crossing margin boundaries [top, bottom, left, right]	
BODY OF DOCUMENT: Document order, appearance of content	
All written/illustrative material must appear in a Preface, Chapter, or Appendix; no	
'stand-alone' sections permitted [see section 3.1 in MANUAL]	
Text/illustrative material: begins at 1 inch top margin	
AVOID: excessive space between paragraphs, other page content, or at top of pages	
AVOID: Widow/Orphan text [pg. 4, Section 2 in formatting manual]	
No blank pages [exception: copyright page]	
TEXT: all printed words, numbers, symbols, including page numbers	
One font style used uniformly throughout: serif, non-script [Times Roman, Cambria,	
etc.]	
12 pt [except text within illustrative material, footnotes, and headers]	
Black [except text within illustrative material]: includes URLS/hyperlinks, in-text	
parenthetical references, reference numbers, bookmarks, section headings, etc.	
Double-spaced [exceptions detailed in formatting manual]	

AVOID: all capital letters, italicization, bolding, and underlining for emphasis as it	
reduces readability and can be misinterpreted. Follow scholarly writing style of your	
discipline.	
PAGINATION:	
Preliminary pages—lower-case Roman numerals	
Title & copyright— counted in pagination but no page numbers printed on page;	
First page of Chapter 1 begins with Arabic numeral one < 1 >	
Page numbers—12 pt, centered, 3/4" above bottom edge using text font	
ILLUSTRATIVE MATERIAL: Conditional [photos, graphs, charts, maps, etc.]	
Tables : labeled ABOVE using 12pt , black, serif font , single or double-spaced; do not separate the table from the label	
Table 2.1 This is the caption to table 2.1 and if it goes to more	
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be indented.	
Tables: do not break up over two pages unless too large; when breaking tables across	
pages, repeat the header row; never crosses margin borders	
Figures: labeled BELOW using 12pt, black, serif font, single or double-spaced; do not	
separate the figure from its label	
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one line the second and following lines should be indented.	
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Illustrative Material: must be concise, accurate, professional quality [no sloppy scans,	
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Individual Pages — listed in the exact order they are to appear in your document	
TITLE: Required	
Elements: centered except for signatures	
Double-space within and between each page element	
Use: <u>Titling Capitalization [Major Words are Capitalized]</u>	
Use: Submitted to the Graduate Faculty as partial fulfillment of the requirements for	
Use: Correct degree name	
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College of Graduate Studies	
Use: Month of Graduation—May, August, December	
COPYRIGHT: Required	
Blank – OR – Contains copyright year, your name, and the copyright statement; may	
also choose to use a Creative Commons copyright license	
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Part One section: Single-spaced within and between each element; Centered	
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Page number: will always be lower-case Roman numeral three < iii >	
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Double-spaced and limited to one page	

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are <u>Capitalized</u>] Font size must be consistent with other section headings
Text: begins 1 inch below heading
Double-spaced and Limited to one page
TABLE OF CONTENTS: Required
Heading: 2 inches from top edge, flush left; Use: <u>Titling Capitalization [Major Words</u>
are <u>Capitalized</u>] Font size must be consistent with other section headings
Line entries: begin 1 inch below heading, flush left
Page numbers: flush against right margin in straight vertical line – not crooked
Required entries: Abstract, Table of Contents, Chapters, chapter sections, References
Conditional entries: Acknowledgments, List of Tables, List of Figures,
List of Abbreviations, List of Symbols, Other Lists, Preface, Appendices
Entries / headings: use <u>Titling Capitalization [Major Words are Capitalized]</u>
Chapter entries: begin with Arabic numeral <space +="" or="" period="" space=""> then chapter heading</space>
1 Introduction
Appendix entries: begin with letter <space +="" or="" period="" space=""> then appendix title</space>
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More than One Line, the Subsequent Lines Should be Indented #	
Enumeration: Arabic numeral sequence using a period between numbers	
1.8 = Chapter One, eighth table in chapter one A.8 = Appendix A, eighth table in chapter one	
Entries: double-spaced within and between	
LIST OF FIGURES: Conditional	
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2 – 5 Pitch-Catch Method	
2-6 The Caption to the Figure Should be Abbreviated but it if it	
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Entry: Begin with abbreviation in all capital letters, followed by the definition	
Order: alphabetic—each alpha group separated by a double-space	
AAA	
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Entries: Single-spaced [this is one of the few exceptions to double-spacing]	
Entries: Dot leaders used between abbreviation and definition	
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∩ Intersection	
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space	
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PREFACE: Conditional	
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Top edge of page one inch top margin	
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Chapter number and heading can be larger than 12pt. Standard is 18pt.	
Chapter 1	
one inch	
Introduction	
one inch	
1.1 Wetlands in Ohio	
The number of known wetlands in Ohio that are currently protected etc.	
1.2 Mapping the Area	
Using historical cartography etc.	
MANUSCRIPT CHAPTERS: See section 2.8.2 in formatting manual. If the manuscript has been accepted for publication or has been published, the chapter title page must specify the name of the publishing journal and include either the notation "in press" or the complete citation if already published. This can be placed directly below the title of the chapter or in a footnote on the chapter title page. If the manuscript is copyrighted to the publishing journal (common), you must verify you have permission to reprint as part of your thesis/dissertation and note that after the citation.	
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Words are Capitalized]; Font size must be consistent with other section headings	
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Single-spaced: within reference, but double-spaced between references	
Text: 12pt, black, serif-font – URLS/links may not be a different color	

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