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Writing Center Handouts

MLA Cheat Sheet 8th edition, 2009

April 2016 MLA updated to the 8th edition where it shifted how we document sources and focuses on making the work more accessible. The format for the works cited page has also changed.

Paper Format

- One-inch margins on all sides
- Easily readable typeface (Times New Roman is best)
- No title page – heading & title appear on first page. Title appears in plain text.
- Page numbers in right-hand corner, 1/2" from the top, flush right.
- Last name of author appears one space before page number.
- No extra spaces between paragraphs
- One space after periods or other concluding punctuation

- **Works Cited Page**
- List only sources that you actually used.
- List the complete title of the article, essay, or book.
- Alphabetize your list by authors' last names or the first main word in a title.
- Online sources no longer require URLs, unless the title of the website does not easily lead the reader to find the source.
- City of Publication is no longer required.
- Publication medium (print or electronic) is no longer required.
- Format:
 - Authors alphabetized by last name first. (Double-spaced). Title italicized- *no more underlining!* Left-aligned margin. Place a period at the end of each entry.
 - Indent second and third lines five spaces
 - Author and Title are separated by periods. Title, Volume number, Issue number, publication number, and page numbers in journals are now separated by commas.
 - In-text citations have little deviation from the 7th to the 8th edition.

Book with One Author:

Scholarly Journals:

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(Note that “vol.,” “no.,” and “pp.” are added in the 8th edition for clarification.)