Style Manuals for Citations

When formatting citations, tables and figures, each program follows the specific style manual appropriate for that discipline. For example, the Psychology department uses the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA). The rest of the thesis, project or dissertation should follow the university's format. The program's style manual determines the format for:

1. The referencing system throughout the thesis/project/dissertation,
2. The list of references at the end of your work (bibliography, works cited, etc.),
3. The formatting and labeling of all tables, and
4. The format for the captions for all figures.

All other formatting requirements set forth by the Office of Graduate Studies are listed in A Guide to Graduate Studies and take precedence over the program's style manual, and must be followed by all students regardless of discipline.

American Psychological Association (APA)

Departments/Programs:

- Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Biology
- Communications Studies
- Counseling and Guidance
- Criminal Justice
- Education (all concentrations)
- Educational Administration
- Educational Leadership
- English: Applied Linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language
- Health Services Administration
- Mathematics: Teaching
- Nursing
- Psychology (all concentrations)
• Public Administration
• Public Health
• Rehabilitation Counseling
• Social Work

Modern Language Association (MLA)

Departments/Programs:

• English: English Composition
• English: English Literature
• English: Creative Writing (MFA)
• Spanish
• Theatre Arts

Other (Defined by Department)

Departments/Programs:

• Biology - CSE (Council of Science Editors)
• Computer Science - LaTeX Program or IEEE
• Earth and Environmental Sciences: Professional Science Masters - ACS (American Chemical Society)
• Earth and Environmental Sciences: Geology - GSA (Geological Society of America)
• Interdisciplinary Studies - Either APA or MLA (Check with Program and/or Graduate Coordinator)
• Mathematics - LaTeX Program
• National Security Studies - CMS (Chicago Manual of Style)
• Social Sciences - Either APA or Chicago (Check with committee chair)
• Spanish - World Language