

STYLE OF DRAFT AND FINAL PAPER FOR SENIOR PROJECT

Both your draft and final paper for the senior project must meet the following guidelines.

1. Use only standard-size paper (8.5 x 11 inches). Use a 12-point Times New Roman font and maintain a 1-inch side, top, and bottom margin. Number all your pages excluding the title page and abstract page.
2. **DOUBLE-SPACE** the entire text.
3. **TITLE PAGE** should be on a separate page with project name and author.
4. **TABLE OF CONTENTS** is required and should note headings and sub-headings by page number.
5. **ABSTRACTS** are required. See Structure of Draft for details.
6. **SECTION HEADINGS AND SUBHEADINGS** should be clearly detailed in your paper. These headings should have a physical layout that helps the reader comprehend the structure of the paper. Make the headings informative. Section headings should be given Roman numerals (I., II., etc.); subsections should be lettered A., B., etc.
7. **FOOTNOTES** must be single-spaced. The footnotes should be numbered consecutively (i.e., 1, 2, 3, etc.).
8. **REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE TEXT** should include the first name, middle initial, and last name in the first instance. Subsequent references should give last name only. Do not refer to individuals as Mister, Doctor, Professor, etc.
9. **REFERENCE TO ORGANIZATIONS OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN THE TEXT** should give the name in full, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses -- subsequent references should give abbreviation only; for example: Social Science Research Council (SSRC) [first occurrence], SSRC [subsequently].
10. **REFERENCE TO ARTICLES AND BOOKS IN THE TEXT:** Give full name (first name, middle initial, and last name) of author(s) and year of publication in the first citation, with page number(s) where appropriate. When more than one work by the same author is cited, give the last name of author and year of publication in parentheses for each subsequent citation. When listing a string of references within the text, arrange first in **chronological** order, then alphabetically within years. If there are three or more authors, refer to the first author, followed by et al. and the year. If there is more than one publication

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11. REFERENCE TO INFORMATION ON THE WEB: When citing internet sources as a general rule include information on the (a) author(s), (b) title of work, (c) print publication information, (d) title of online site, project, journal or database, underlined, (e) the date when the work was posted or updated electronically, (f) date when you accessed the site, and (g) electronic address (URL). For more information on citing internet and other electronic sources refer to the MLA Web site at <http://www.mla.org>.

11. MATHEMATICAL EQUATIONS should be typed on separate lines and numbered consecutively at the right margin, using Arabic numbers in parentheses.

12. QUOTATIONS must correspond exactly with the original in wording, spelling, and punctuation. Page numbers must be given. Changes must be indicated: use brackets to identify insertions; use ellipsis dots (...) to show omissions. Also indicate where emphasis has been added. Only lengthy quotations (more than 50 words) should be separated from the text; such quotations must be double-spaced and indented at the left margin.

13. TABLES must be on separate pages – not incorporated within the text – and should be numbered consecutively with Arabic numbers. Each table must have a title and should be *no more* than 10 columns wide. Use Panel A and Panel B to denote sections of a table.

Do not abbreviate in column headings, etc. Spell out "percent"; do not use the percent sign. Place a zero in front of the decimal point in all decimal fractions (i.e., 0.357, not .357).

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14. GRAPHS should be full size page. Also label all axes, curves, and intersections in the graphs, number them consecutively, and provide full footnotes wherever relevant. All graphs should have a clear number, title and source attribution.

15. REFERENCE SECTION must be double-spaced, beginning on a new page following the text, giving *full* information. Use *full* names of authors or editors (**last names first**), using initials only if that is the usage of the particular author/editor. List all author/editors up to/including 10 names. Authors of articles

and books and material without specific authors or editors, such as government documents, bulletins, or newspapers, are to be listed alphabetically.

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18. OTHER STYLE POINTS: (1) In the acknowledgement footnote, feel free to acknowledge your senior project advisor and anyone else you feel has helped you with your paper. (2) Do not use the % sign; always spell out the word percent; (4) Apostrophes are used for decades (i.e., 1990's), not generally for pluralization (i.e., HMOs); (5) Hyphenate compound adjectives when they come before a noun, not after (i.e., a well-known author; an author well known). Generally, the following prefixes are not hyphenated: non, pre, post, over, under, intra, pro, re, semi. However, quasi and self are hyphenated whether they precede or follow the noun.

19. LENGTH of the paper should be approximately 15-20 pages.