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## Writing Center Handouts

### MLA Cheat Sheet 8<sup>th</sup> edition, 2009

April 2016 MLA updated to the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> edition.

Book with One Author:

Scholarly Journals:

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