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Students should contact the dean’s office in the school if a style and journal are not listed under the program or department.

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USC School of Architecture
Architecture (M.Arch., Ph.D.)
Building Science (M.B.S.)
   Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Heritage Conservation (M.H.C.)
   Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Landscape Architecture (M.L.Arch.)

USC Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy
Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

USC Marshall School of Business
   All USC Marshall School of Business Ph.D. Programs
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

USC School of Cinematic Arts
Interactive Media (M.F.A.)
   Modern Language Association (MLA) Style
Producing (Peter Stark Program) M.F.A.
   Film Schedules: Entertainment Partners Movie Magic software format
   Screenplays: Industry format
All other programs in School of Cinematic Arts
   Chicago Manual of Style

USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
American Studies and Ethnicity
   Chicago Manual of Style
   American Quarterly

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Anthropology
Visual Anthropology
Art History
   Chicago Manual of Style
   The Art Bulletin
Biological Sciences
   Human and Evolutionary Biology: *Diabetes; Journal of Biomechanics, American Journal of Physical Anthropology*
   Marine Environmental Biology: *Limnology and Oceanography; Marine Ecology: Progress Series; Aquatic Microbial Ecology*
Chemistry
   American Chemical Society journal publications style
   *Journal of the American Chemical Society; Journal of Physical Chemistry*
Classics
   Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association author guidelines
   *Transactions and Proceedings of the American Philological Association*
Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture
Comparative Studies in Literature and Culture (Slavic Languages and Literature)
   Chicago Manual of Style
   *Slavic and East European Journal and Slavic Review*
Earth Sciences, Geological Sciences
   *Geology*
East Asian Area Studies M.A.
   Chicago Manual of Style
   *Journal for Asian Studies*
East Asian Languages and Cultures
   Chicago Manual of Style
   Consult with committee chair for field-specific styles
Economics
English
   Chicago Manual of Style or Modern Language Association (MLA) style
Geographic Information Science and Technology
   Turabian’s *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, (2013)
   reference and citation requirements are Chicago 16\textsuperscript{th} with reference to minor modifications provided in Turabian
Geography PhD
   Chicago Manual of Style (if under American Studies Department); Transactions in GIS (if under Dr. John Wilson)
   *American Quarterly Journal* (under American Studies Department); *Transactions in GIS* (under Dr. John Wilson)
History
   Chicago Manual of Style
   *American Historical Review*
International Relations
Kinesiology
Liberal Studies

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Linguistics
   “Language” Style Sheet
   *Linguistic Society of America (Language)*

Literature and Creative Writing
Mathematics
   See the author guidelines for any one journal in which you would like to publish
Ocean Sciences
   *Deep Sea Research*
   *Limnology and Oceanography*
   *Geology*

Philosophy
   See Journals
   *Nous, Ethics, Philosophical Review, Mind, and The Journal of Philosophical Logic*

Physics and Astronomy
   American Institute of Physics Style
   *Physical Review* (any section)

Political Science and International Relations

Psychology
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

Public Diplomacy

Religion and Social Ethics

Sociology

**USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism**

Annenberg Master of Arts degrees
   Chicago Manual of Style

Strategic Public Relations (M.A.)
   Chicago Manual of Style or Modern Language Association (MLA) style
   *Journal of Public Relations Research*. Students have also published in *Communication World* (of the IABC) and *The Public Relations Strategist* (of the PRSA)

**Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC**

Craniofacial Biology
   Elsevier Editorial System
   *Cell*

**USC School of Dramatic Arts**

Applied Theatre Arts M.A.
   American Psychological Association (APA) Style

Theatre (Acting) M.F.A.

Theatre (Directing) M.F.A.

Theatre (Dramatic Writing) M.F.A.
   Samuel French or Final Draft for plays

Theatre (Theatrical Design) M.F.A.

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USC Rossier School of Education
   All programs within the Rossier School of Education
      American Psychological Association (APA) Style

USC Viterbi School of Engineering
   Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering
   Astronautics and Space Technology
   Biomedical Engineering
   Civil Engineering
   Computer Science
   Electrical Engineering
   Green Technologies
   Industrial and Systems Engineering
   Materials Science
   Petroleum Engineering

USC Roski School of Fine Arts
   Roski School of Fine Arts (MA and MFA)
      Chicago Manual of Style
      Grey Room (MIT Press)

USC Davis School of Gerontology
   Gerontology
      American Psychological Association (APA) Style
      The Journals of Gerontology

USC Graduate School
   Neuroscience
      Journal of Neuroscience

Keck School of Medicine of USC
   Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
   Biostatistics
      Biometrics
   Cell and Neurobiology
   Epidemiology
   Genetic, Molecular and Cellular Biology
   Molecular Epidemiology
   Molecular Microbiology and Immunology
   Pathology
      The American Journal of Pathology
   Physiology and Biophysics

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Preventive Medicine/Health Behavior Research
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Health Psychology, American Psychologist
Statistical Genetics and Genetic Epidemiology
Biometrics
Systems Biology and Disease

USC Thornton School of Music
Choral and Sacred Music (Doctoral)
Chicago Manual of Style 16th ed.
Composition
Early Music Performance
Music Education
Musicology
Chicago Manual of Style
Journal of the American Musicological Society, Nineteenth-Century Music

USC Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy
American Psychological Association (APA) Style (Social Science); Uniform Requirements (Biological)
American Journal of Occupational Therapy (Social Science); Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (Biological)

USC School of Pharmacy
Molecular Pharmacology and Toxicology
Cell journal format
Cell
Pharmaceutical Sciences
Cell journal format
Cell

USC Price School of Public Policy
All programs within the USC Price School of Public Policy
American Psychological Association (APA) Style
Chicago Manual of Style 14th ed.
Journal of Regional Science

USC School of Social Work
Social Work

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