What is MLA?

Modern Language Association (MLA) style is used for papers submitted in English, other language, and literature courses.

Always remember to verify with your professor that MLA is the correct style for your paper. Students should be aware that MLA 8 can be adapted to the needs of a specific course. 
*Example: Annotated Bibliography Formats (See Your Professor).*

Students take note MLA has been revised to the Eighth Edition.

MLA Resources

**GHC MLA Guide**
http://getlibraryhelp.highlands.edu/c.php?g=635153

**Purdue Owl**
https://owlenglish.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

**MLA “What’s New?”**

**MLA Style Center**
https://style.mla.org/

MLA Eighth Edition Quick Guide

GHC Tutorial Center

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Paper Formatting Tips

- Header (left side of page):
  - Your Name
  - Professor Name
  - Class
  - Day Month Year (no commas)

- Page Number (in top right corner):
  - Last Name 1

- Title of your paper: CAPITALIZE first word and important words. Do not italicize or underline the title of your paper.

- Italicize book titles, movie titles, plays, newspaper TITLES, journals TITLES, etc.

- “Quote” short stories, newspaper ARTICLES, journal ARTICLES, etc.

- Do NOT ask questions in your paper.

- Do NOT start a paragraph with a quote.

In-Text Citations

In-text citation is used to point the reader to the full citation on your works cited page. To create an in-text citation do the following:

- Work with one author:
  - Smith writes “the grass is green,” (21).
  - During the summer, “the grass is green,” (Smith 21).

- Work with no known author:
  - “Summer Lawns” tells the reader that “the grass is green,” (21).
  - In the summer, “the grass is green,” (“Summer Lawns” 21).

See LibGuide for all other resources (such as sources from the internet and multiple volume works).

Formatting Works Cited Page

Works cited page must be on a separate sheet of paper!

Alphabetize entries

- Title: Work Cited (one source)
- Title: Works Cited (multiple sources)

Must use hanging indent:


Works Cited Dos and Don’ts

- Do include pp. before paged numbers (only in works cited)
- Don’t use publisher’s city
- Do include URLs
- Don’t abbreviate editor, edited, translator or review.
- Do abbreviate vol. and no. when indicating volume and issue of a journal
- Don’t include medium of publication (print, web, etc.)

Do include the season a journal was published along with the year.