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Writing Center*

FORMAT OF THE WORKS CITED PAGE IN MLA

The rules below are in accordance with the Modern Language Association's *MLA Handbook* 8th Edition. Consult the *MLA Handbook* in the IVCC Writing Center or in Jacobs Library if you have more questions.

The Works Cited page lists all of the sources you used in your paper and is placed at the end of the paper on a new numbered page. An easy way to do this is to add a page break at the end of the text on the last page of your essay. Place your cursor at the end of your last sentence and press CTRL + Enter. Label the page Works Cited, centered in plain text. No extra space should appear at the top of the page. Your header should continue onto the Works Cited page; it includes your last name and page number.

Make sure to double space throughout and list the sources in alphabetical order by the authors' last names. Ignore "A," "And," and "The" when alphabetizing by title if an author is not listed. When the title of a periodical (journal, magazine, newspaper) begins with an article (A, An, The), the article is now treated as part of the title: the article is italicized and its first letter capitalized. For example, the handbook previously specified "the Georgia Review" in text and "Georgia Review" in the works-cited list but now specifies "The Georgia Review" in all contexts.

Do not indent the first line in the citation; however, you must indent any additional lines ½". One method is to place your cursor at the end of the first line and press Enter. Then, place your cursor at the beginning of the second line and press Tab. Another method is to highlight all the entries, go the paragraph ribbon, choose "special," and then choose "hanging indent."

See the reverse side of this sheet for a sample page in MLA format.

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Note these important formatting aspects:

- The page is labeled Works Cited.
- Every line is evenly double -spaced with no single spacing or extra spaces.
- The second and third lines of entries are indented.
- The entries are alphabetized.
- The overall formatting is the same as the rest of the essay. The margins are 1" and the page number continues from the last page of the essay.