

MLA Style Introduction

This section of the Academic Research Style Guide introduces the Modern Language Association (MLA) formatting and citation style. It includes guidelines for in-text citations, Works Cited pages, and sample papers. Instructors and students working in the humanities—particularly in fields like language arts and cultural studies—will find this section especially helpful.

Overview and Resources

MLA style is widely used for academic writing in the humanities. This resource provides a high-level overview of MLA guidelines and links to detailed sections covering formatting, in-text citation practices, and the construction of a Works Cited page.

Updated to reflect the 9th edition of the MLA Handbook (published April 2021), this guide helps ensure accuracy and consistency in citing sources. While this document includes essential examples and summaries, writers are encouraged to consult the full MLA Handbook (9th ed.) for comprehensive details and uncommon citation scenarios.

This guide serves as a starting point for mastering MLA style. For additional support, writers can explore the annotated resources, slide presentations, and instructional materials included in this section.