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Hints for Style in Scientific Writing

There is no single way of writing style in academic writing. There are actually different schools that suggest particular styles. When you make a journal or book chapter submission, you must follow the exact style requirements. What I suggest below is some common elements followed by many in style.

Your paper should

- a. be submitted in Microsoft® Word
- b. be typewritten in English
- c. be on white paper, double sided
- d. be single spaced
- e. have 2.5 cm margin on all sides
- f. have text justified
- g. have text set as 12-pt. Times New Roman font
- h. include the title on the top of the first page
- i. list the author and his/her affiliation directly under the title
- j. use footnotes and not endnotes.

Some more details about the style are as follows:

- (i) The first page of the paper should contain the paper's title, your name, the course number, and the due date
- (ii) The second page is to contain the title and abstract of your paper
- (iii) The third page will contain the table of contents
- (iv) The following pages will contain the text of your paper
- (v) All tables, charts, graphs, or other illustrations are to be clearly and correctly labeled. Incorporate these elements into the body of your paper. Multiple charts, graphs, or other illustrations are to be identified by Arabic numerals.
Example: Table 1, Table 2, Figure 1, Figure 2..
- (vi) In the text references should be indicated by giving the author's name and the year of publication (with page references where necessary).
Example: (...) officials argued that domestic political issues were not the business of the IMF (Williamson, 1983, 45)
- (vii) References should list the complete set of sources used at the end of the paper. Please note that only those sources cited in the paper can be added to the references.
References should be cited as follows:

Books

Scott, J. (1985), *Weapons of the Weak*, New Haven: Yale University Press

Articles

Baumol, W.J. (1986), “Productivity Growth, Convergence and Welfare”, *American Economic Review*, 76, 1072-82

Chapter in Edited Books

Frieden, J. (1995), “Capital Politics: Creditors and International Political Economy”, In *International Political Economy*, edited by D. Lake, 282-98, New York: St. Martin Press.