

Grammar, Mechanics, Academic Style & Convention, and Research

Mechanics, Citation, and Grammar Concerns: No matter how thoughtful your ideas, if the grammar, mechanics and citations are incomplete or inaccurate, the ideas will not be taken seriously by your readers. The below sites present easily navigated and up-to-date instructional guides on citation, grammar, and mechanical conventions—everything from what's a comma splice to how to cite a blog—to help you develop your citation and communication skills.

- [Purdue OWL \(online writing lab\)](#)
- [University of Toronto: Style and Editing](#)
- [Grammarly Handbook](#)

Research, Writing in the Disciplines, and Academic Style: An academic writer must not only be concerned with grammar and style, but also with abiding by the specific conventions of a given discipline. In turn, writing at the university often entails more than drafting; one must also learn how to research, navigate, and discern the integrity of his sources. The below sites offer comprehensive overviews of academic style, the writing conventions of specific disciplines, as well as strategies for conducting research and working with sources.

- [Harvard College Writing Resources](#)
- [UNC Writing Handouts](#)
- [Dartmouth: Institute for Writing and Rhetoric](#)
- [University of Toronto: Writing in the Disciplines](#)