

FORMAT GUIDELINES FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

Font

Type must be 12 pt minimum (footnotes may be 9 pt).

Spacing

Document should be double-spaced. Long quotations and footnotes may be single-spaced.

Paper Specification

Thesis must be printed on archival quality white paper.

Margins

Margins must be 1½” at left margin and 1” at top, right, and bottom margins.

Justification

Justification should be left only.

Tables & Figures

Tables and figures should be consecutively numbered.

Pagination

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