Digital Writing Resources for Metro Students

Metro State Writing Center | Fall 2025

# Metro State Sites

## [Writing Center](https://mnscu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bx0495ya_minnstate_edu/Documents/Desktop/Su%2025%20Drafts/Writing%20Center), Tutoring Services @ metrostate.edu/academics/success/tutoring/writing

Currently enrolled Metro students can make appointments for individual tutoring in all stages of the writing process through in-person, written feedback, or Zoom sessions.

* Access [writing handouts](https://www.metrostate.edu/academics/success/tutoring/resources) on our Resources tab: (metrostate.edu/academics/success/tutoring/resources)
* Research & Writing Help on Zoom:Drop in to a Zoom session during scheduled hours to get writing support from tutors and research support from librarians - **no appointment needed.** Available to students, alumni, and anyone in the Metro community during semesters.

See the Metro [Library home page](https://libguides.metrostate.edu/research_and_writing_help_on_zoom) for the link and a display of that semester’s schedule. (libguides.metrostate.edu/research\_and\_writing\_help\_on\_zoom)

Metro State [Library](https://www.metrostate.edu/library) (<https://www.metrostate.edu/library>)

Research, reference, and writing support. See their [Research Guides](https://libguides.metrostate.edu/) for resources specialized to your field. (https://libguides.metrostate.edu/)

## Metro State [Career Center](https://www.metrostate.edu/career) **(**<https://www.metrostate.edu/career>)

The Career Center provides free access to tools for students and alumni to explore career interests, internships, jobs, and develop their career competencies.

* Resume Drop-In on Zoom: Career Center staff and a writing tutor will be standing by, ready to offer suggestions and ideas on taking resumes to the next level. (<https://www.metrostate.edu/students/support/career/job-search/resume>)

# Style Manuals

Quick Guides for APA 7, Chicago 18, MLA 9 and Citing Oral Sources, are available on the library web page under the “Cite Sources” tab and on the Writing Center Resources tab where you can also find guidance for generative AI usage and attribution.

Library "Cite Sources”: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/cite-sources>

Writing Center Resources: <https://www.metrostate.edu/academics/success/tutoring/resources>

## **American Psychological Association (APA) 7th ed. Publication Manual, 2020**

APA Style Blog: <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

Metro Library Quick Guide: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/ld.php?content_id=52707250>

## **ASA Style Guide 7th ed., 2022**

ASA does not have an online presence for their print *ASA Style Book* but here are two library sites with good quick guides to the citation formats and style principles:

From Framingham State University’s Henry Whittemore Library: https://library.framingham.edu/c.php?g=524800&p=10003963

From University of Toronto Mississauga: <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/sociology/sites/files/sociology/documents/2023-08/ASA_Style_Guide%207th%20ed.pdf>

Purdue OWL’s resource is for the outdated 5th edition, but can continue to be used for basic formatting: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/asa_style/index.html>

## **Associated Press Stylebook, print and online edition updated yearly**

Subscribe to the Associated Press Stylebook Online: <https://tinyurl.com/3wtmtzwy>

Purdue OWL’s Abbreviated Style Guidelines: <https://tinyurl.com/3zzh8rbp>

## **Chicago Manual of Style 18th ed., 2024**

Chicago Manual of Style Online (for access through the Metro Library site, sign in with your StarID): <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/cite-sources/chicago-style>

Library Quick Guide (Author-Date): <https://tinyurl.com/ms4pnw96>

Library Quick Guide (Notes and Bibliography): <https://tinyurl.com/3zpp82up>

## **Citing Indigenous Oral Teachings and Sources from Oral Traditions, 2022**

Metro State Library Citation Guide: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/cite-sources>

Writing Center Quick Guide: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/ld.php?content_id=72426244>

## **Council of Science Editors (CSE), 2014**

Scientific Style and Format: <https://tinyurl.com/ye8mn8u7>

Science Editor: <https://www.csescienceeditor.org/>

Dalhousie University Libraries Guide: <https://dal.ca.libguides.com/CitationStyleGuide/CSE>

## **IEEE Editorial Style Manual, 2023**

Author Center’s Online Style Manual: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxd4fjv>

Author Center Publishing Ethics: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2kspt7>

Purdue OWL’s resource is not up to date, but can continue to be used for basic formatting: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/ieee_style/ieee_overview.html>

## **MLA Handbook 9th ed., 2021**

MLA Handbook Online (for access through the Metro Library site, sign in with your StarID): <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/cite-sources/mla-style>

Library Quick Guide: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/ld.php?content_id=56997658>

The MLA Style Center: <https://style.mla.org/>

Other Useful Sites & Learning Platforms

## **Legal Information Institute: “Introduction to Basic Legal Citation”**

Helpful for citing laws, court cases, constitutions, and other legal resources. Associated with Cornell Law School, a non-profit providing free legal research and writing resources.

https://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/

## **LinkedIn Learning**

Available to all current Metro State students with a large library of tutorials and courses related to writing. Also access it under the Current Student tab on Metro State’s home page.

<https://www.metrostate.edu/linkedin-learning>

## **Oxford Learner’s Dictionaries**

A globally respected site with vocabulary, grammar, and reference resources for English; excellent for usage and meaning, particularly for multilingual writers.

<http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/us/>

## **Purdue OWL**

One of the most widely used sites for general or discipline-specific citation and writing advice.

<https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html>

## **San José State University Homegrown Handouts**

SJSU Writing Center’s handouts address some of the most common writing questions students have and best practices for integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion into writing.

<https://www.sjsu.edu/writingcenter/resources/index.php>

## **Texas A&M Writing and Speaking Guides**

Texas A&M Writing Center’s comprehensive guides help to take you from brainstorming to revision. They also list podcasts, videos, and interactive lessons to supplement your learning.

<https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/writing-speaking-guides/writing-speaking-guides-alphabetical-listh>

## **University of Minnesota Center for Writing**

Quick Tips handouts that are structured in a problem/solution format with explanations and examples as well as some curated resources from other institutions.

[cla.umn.edu/center-for-writing/student-writing-support/writing-resources](https://cla.umn.edu/center-for-writing/student-writing-support/writing-resources)

## **Writing in the Disciplines**

Guides by the Appalachian State University Writing Center include field-specific conventions to use in writing assignments tailored to a discipline.

<https://writingcenter.appstate.edu/handouts-and-resources/academic-writing-and-writing-disciplines>

# Applications

## **Ally**

Ally is a tool integrated into D2L Brightspace at Metro State University that allows students to download course materials in a format that best meets their learning needs. For example, students who prefer to listen to material can download an audio file or they may use Immersive Reader to visually follow along while the material is read out loud.

<https://services.metrostate.edu/TDClient/1839/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=137431>

## **Microsoft Office 365, includes Word and PowerPoint**

Current Metro State students may install up to 5 copies of Microsoft Office on any personally owned devices. To download for free, follow the instructions provided at:

<https://services.metrostate.edu/TDClient/1839/Portal/KB/ArticleDet?ID=114865>

## **Ad/Pop-up Blockers**

Software that blocks online advertising and pop-up notifications, which can be helpful in calming distracting web pages and increasing browser efficiency. Two options with free download:

UBlock Origin: <https://ublockorigin.com/>

Adblock Plus: <https://adblockplus.org/en/download>

## **Grammarly: Free Online Writing Assistant**

Widely used and respected for basic spelling, grammar, punctuation, clarity, engagement, and delivery mistakes. The free grammar checker does use an AI but it is mostly predictive and not generative. The premium versions do use GenAI and may considered equivalent to GhatGPT.

<https://www.grammarly.com/grammar-check>

## **Zotero**

A free and easy-to-use program that connects to your web browser to help you collect, manage, and cite your research sources.

Metro Library Guide to Zotero: <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/zotero>

Download Zotero: <https://www.zotero.org/download/>