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Introduction to this Style-Guide

This document is a collaboration between Church of Ireland Publishing (CIP) and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI), and aims to provide you with a comprehensive guide for writing and referencing your essays and dissertations to meet the standards as required by the School of Religion (School), in Trinity College, Dublin.

The Guide is divided into three sections. The first section covers grammar and punctuation and presents key areas to help you with writing your text to conform to the Oxford Style preferred by the School. It will help you in aspects such as spelling, capitalisation, punctuation, what type to use, as well as how to present numbers and dates.

The second part of the document deals with referencing and gives you nearly every permutation of the Chicago Referencing Style, which you will need to apply to all of your essays and dissertations. Here you will find the basics of how to footnote and compile your bibliography.

The third part is a specific guide on the Braemor Series, published by Church of Ireland Publishing.

Each heading in the table of contents is hyperlinked, so you can simply click on the relevant aspect of the Guide that you wish to see.

While we have made every attempt to include every possible example, you may occasionally need to check for something that isn’t mentioned in this Guide. With this in mind, reference copies of the books listed below are available in the RCB Library:


For further guidance about styling your work, you should in the first instance speak to one of your supervisors. Further information is also on hand from the Assistant Librarian, Bryan Whelan, in the RCB Library.

Introduction
The Oxford Style Manual is primarily based on *New Hart’s Rules*, a referencing and style manual that prioritises consistency that is still universally used today. The examples that we have highlighted here will not tell you how to write an essay, but will help you to write correctly and in a consistent manner.

You will see brief examples regarding spelling, capitalisation, punctuation, the correct type to use, as well as how to write numbers and dates. Remember that if your particular query isn’t listed here, it will be found in the Library’s copy of the *New Oxford Style Manual* mentioned previously.

As with all aspects of coursework, students should always check their material, and not rely on online programmes or guides to do this for them. Using textbooks should also be done with a critical eye to what is written here, as well as what your supervisor tells you. A good example of this is the instruction for writing dates (see below). This conforms to the Oxford Style, but differs from the Chicago Style for footnotes/endnotes. Any online generator or guide to Chicago will need to be physically checked before submission.

Conversely, although the Oxford Style Manual includes its own referencing and citation guide, this should be ignored by students of CITI in favour of the Chicago Style, as explained in greater detail later in this document.

Spelling
The preference is for British spelling rather than American:

- *-ence* rather than *-ense*: defence; offence; pretence
- *-re* rather than *-er*: centre; mitre; sceptre
- *c* for *k*: sceptic; mollusc
- *-ogue* rather than *-og*: catalogue; analogue
- *-our* rather than *-or*: colour; honour; labour; neighbour; harbour; tumour
- *s* rather than *z*: analyse; cosy; realise; capitalisation

Punctuation
- Do not punctuate contractions. For example use *St* for Saint (not St.) and *Revd* for Reverend (not Rev.) and *Rt Revd* for the Right Reverend (not Rt. Rev.).
- Use quotation marks and roman (not italic) type for titles of short poems, short stories, and songs:
'The Business of Preaching and the World of Literature'

- The general practice is to enclose quoted matter of less than five lines between single quotation marks, and to use double quotation marks for a quotation within a quotation:

  ‘Have you any idea’, he said, ‘what “red mercury” is?’

For quotations of more than five lines, indent the passage as a free-standing paragraph, but do not place this in quotation marks, as in the following example:

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2:14-16; 12:4. This understanding and the assertion (of Lambeth 1998) that the Spirit ‘blows in sovereignty and freedom’ also undergirds the thesis, and similarly that:

[i]n dialogue we must assume then that the Spirit is working to convert people to God. Signs of the Spirit’s work will be discerned in their consonance with the Gospel, its teaching and values, but also by the fruit of love, joy and peace. In the same way, all that makes for human flourishing will be seen as a response to the Spirit’s impulse and guidance. All that makes for strife, intolerance and greed is clearly not of the Spirit (Galatians 5:16–24).
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Eastern and western theologians, from across the spectrum of traditions, recognise the ongoing activity of the Spirit, in the believer and the Church.

**Capitalisation**

- Use capitals for both Protestant and Catholic, and titles. Use Archbishop Clarke, and Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland. Similarly, the Revd Joe Bloggs, Rector of Gretna Green parish, or the Very Revd Joe Bloggs, Dean of Ballygodo. Nb: use lower case when referring – in general terms – to a bishop, a rector, or a diocese.

- The institutional Church is always capitalised, but a church building should be lower case. For example: the Methodist Church in Ireland and Rathfarnham parish church.

- Always capitalise the Bible, but biblical is lower case. Use capitals for all references to God (e.g., the Holy Trinity, the Lord) but lower case for the gods and goddesses of polytheistic religions (the Aztec god of war, the goddess of the dawn).

- Capitalise the names of days, months, festivals, and holidays: Tuesday; March; Easter; Good Friday; Ramadan; Passover; Christmas Eve; New Year’s Day; St Patrick’s Day.
• Use lower case for millennia, centuries, and decades: the first millennium; the sixteenth century; the sixties.
• Use capitalisation for wars, treaties, councils, and significant events: the Crucifixion; the Reformation; the Great Famine; the Inquisition; the French Revolution.

**Type**

• Use italics for words and phrases that are still regarded as foreign or need to be distinguished from identical English forms:
  
  the *catenaccio* defensive system employed by the Italians
  
  an *amuse-gueule* of a tiny sardine mounted on a crisp crouton
  
  This does not apply to foreign words or terms that have become naturalised into English.
• Italics should be used for titles of books, periodicals, plays, films, TV and radio series, and music albums.

**Numbers and dates**

• Spell out numbers under and including the number ten (eight, nine, ten). Anything over ten should be written numerically. The exception is percentages and sums of money (9%, €6).
• When writing successive years, always include the full numerical value (2013-2017, not 2013-17).
• Dates should be written as so: 1 January 2014 (Nb: no commas or ordinal numbers). It should be stressed that this way of writing dates differs to the Chicago Style, so any programme/text book you might use for your citations will need to be altered accordingly.
2. Introduction to referencing: The Chicago Style

The Chicago Style was originally published in 1906, and is now in its 17th edition. This system is preferred by many working in the humanities, including the School of Religion. The Chicago Style comes in two varieties: notes and bibliography or author-date. You will be using the notes and bibliography form for all your essays as well as for your dissertation. In this system, all sources are cited in numbered footnotes or endnotes. At the end of each piece of work, you will need to compile all your sources into a bibliography.

There are a multitude of online programmes that make it easier than ever to manage your references in the correct citation, whether this is through Microsoft Word, a web-based reference management software package such as RefWorks, or an online generator. However, it is essential always to physically check your references to make sure that they correspond with the Chicago Style.

This Guide includes examples of the most popular types of source material you are likely to need for course work. The red box demonstrates how to compile your footnote, showing you the technical components as well as two examples: firstly, the full bibliographical reference, and secondly the short hand version.

The red box underneath will show you how to compile the type of source material in your bibliography. You will see the technical components firstly, and then the example.

Footnotes

Referencing correctly means acknowledging all of the sources that you used to write your essay or dissertation. When this is done initially, you include the full bibliographical data in the footnote, as in the example below:


When two references for the same source follow one right after the other, you should use the abbreviation ‘Ibid’ (Latin for ‘in the same place’). In the following example, the first is the full note, the second is a note immediately following this referring to the same source but different page, and the third refers to the same source as well as the same page number.
Bibliography

The next major element of the Chicago Referencing Style is the Bibliography. A bibliography is an ordered list of all the sources you have cited in your paper. Note that it may contain works not cited in your paper that you may have consulted during your research. Some important points to note include:

- The Bibliography is located at the end of your paper, always starts on a new page, and is always titled Bibliography.
- All sources appearing in the Bibliography must be ordered alphabetically by surname of the first listed author (or title, if no author is listed). This is an important point to note, as it means that author names will be inverted from the footnotes (i.e. a bibliography will display Gavrilyuk, Paul as opposed to what we see in a footnote: Paul Gavrilyuk).
- Note the full stop after the author’s name is used in the Bibliography as opposed to the comma in the footnote. There is also a full stop used after the title.
- Another important difference between bibliographies and footnotes is that the publishing details are no longer contained in brackets.
- Your Bibliography should be divided into two sections. Firstly, printed material, and then online sources.
- Bibliographical entries should be listed with hanging indents for each entry. Hanging indents are where the first line starts at the left margin, but subsequent lines are indented, like this:
Referencing the Bible
An important point to note – and one that differs from the Chicago Style – is that you do not need to reference quotes from the Bible in your footnotes. These should be included in brackets after the relevant text. The books of the Bible are capitalised, but not italicised. For example:

The encounter is on the promontory of Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:20).

Whatever edition of the Bible that you use must be included at the beginning of your Bibliography (again, this differs from Chicago Style directions). For example:


If, for whatever reason, you use a different edition of the Bible in addition to the standard one used throughout, this should be clearly stated in the footnotes, and the various different editions listed in the Bibliography underneath the initial reference to the Bible at the start of your Bibliography.

For example:


Other editions that were used include:


Citing Books

Book by one author
Note the differences between the footnotes and the bibliography, paying particular attention to how a name is displayed, as well as the lack of brackets and page numbers in the bibliography example.

**Footnote Structure:** First Name Initial Surname, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle* (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


**Bibliography Structure:** Surname, First Name Initial. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Place: Publisher, Year.


Book with two authors
Keep an eye on the differences between footnotes and bibliography here. Only the initial-listed name is inverted in the bibliography entry.

**Footnote Structure:** First Name Initial Surname and First Name Surname, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle* (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


2 Bevans and Schroeder, Constants in Context, 59-61.

**Bibliography Structure:** Surname, First Name Initial and First Name Initial Surname. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Place: Publisher, Year.

Book with three authors
In this example, the book is an edited text. If this is not the case, simply omit [eds.,] Another point to note is that the previous examples have listed authors with initials included as part of their name. If there is no initial, simply omit.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, First Name Initial Surname, and First Name Initial Surname, eds., Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


2 Empey, Ford, and Moffitt, The Church of Ireland, 65-68.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial, First Name Initial Surname and First Name Initial Surname, eds. Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle. Place: Publisher, Year.


Book with four or more authors
In the footnote, we just include the first listed author followed by ‘et al’ (in non-italic script). However, in the bibliography make sure to note the difference: we list all the authors here.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname et al., eds., Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


2 Markham et al., Anglican Communion, 55.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial, First Name Initial Surname, First Name Initial Surname, and First Name Initial Surname, eds. Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle. Place: Publisher, Year.

Book with organisation as author

Note that ‘organisation’ here can refer to a company, government body, religious organisation or any other type of organisation.

**Footnote Structure: Organisation Name, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle* (Place: Publisher, Year), page number.**

1 Church of Ireland Bishops’ Advisory Commission on Doctrine, *The Authority of Scripture: A Report of the Church of Ireland Bishops’ Advisory Commission on Doctrine* (Dublin: Church of Ireland Publishing, 2006), 73.

2 Church of Ireland Bishops’ Advisory Commission on Doctrine, *The Authority of Scripture*, 101.

**Bibliography Structure: Organisation Name. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Place: Publisher, Year.**


Book with no author

Here the title is placed at the beginning of the footnote, and this is replicated in the bibliography.

**Footnote Structure: *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle* (Place: Publisher, Year), page number.**


**Bibliography Structure: *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Place: Publisher, Year.**

Book in a series
For example, referencing a book in the NIV Application Commentary series. Note that the title of the book will nearly always be the biblical book’s name, and the name of the series follows (after a full stop). As the series title is not the name of the book, it is not in italics.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Name of Series (Place: Publisher, Year), page number.


2 Guthrie, *Hebrews*, 357.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Name of Series. Place: Publisher, Year.


Book with a translator or editor
We are using an example of a translated work here. For edited books, replace [trans.] with [ed.] Note that in the footnote we use shorthand (trans. and ed.) but in the bibliography we write in full.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*, trans. Name Initial Surname (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*. Translated by First Name Initial Surname. Place: Publisher, Year.

Chapter or other part of a book
Note that the title of the chapter, essay, or part of a book is in double-quotation marks, and also note that there is a comma after the title in the footnote, but before the end of the quotation marks. Another point of interest is that the bibliography has a full-stop instead of a comma here, so the following word ‘in’ is capitalised. Note that in the bibliography, you must include the page numbers encompassing the full article. These are placed prior to the publishing data.

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Part of book not written by the book’s author

If the reference is to a generic title such as introduction, preface, or afterword, that term (lower-cased unless following a full-stop) is added before the title of the book. Note that you must include the page numbers encompassing the full article in the bibliography.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, introduction to Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle, by First Name Initial Surname (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


2 Ziegler, preface, xiii.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. Introduction to Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle, by First Name Initial Surname. Place: Publisher, Year.


Revised edition of book

Only include when such a reissue is due to significant new content. This information will appear either on the front page or with the bibliographical information on the title page, or the reverse title page, stating that it is a ‘revised’ or a ‘second’ (or subsequent) edition. You do not indicate when a book is a first edition.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle, Number of edition. (Place: Publisher, Year), page numbers.


2 McGrath, Christian Theology, 389.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle, Number of edition. Place: Publisher, Year.

Book published electronically
Always cite the version that you consulted. For books consulted online, always list a URL. If no fixed page numbers are available, you can include a section title or a chapter or other number. The rules for multiple authors apply similarly for online books. Note the second example where there is no clear publisher. This form can be applied to most pre-20th century books.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle (Place: Publisher, Year)*, Electronic format/access date, URL.


2 Woods, *And Some There Were*.


2 Law, *A Serious Call*, chap. 11.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle. Place: Publisher, Year, electronic format / access date, URL.*


Citing periodicals and newspaper articles

Article in a print academic journal
The primary difference here is that page numbers are preceded by a colon and not a comma. Note that the bibliographical entry contains the full range of page numbers for the article. Note that place and publisher are not featured for periodicals, newspapers, or magazines.


Article in a newspaper or popular magazine
Newspaper and magazine articles may be cited in running text instead of a footnote (if so: omit from Bibliography).

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Article in Capitals,” *Title of Newspaper/Magazine in Italics & Capitals*, Date, page number.

1 Suzanne Cousins, “Muslims Gather in Dublin to Witness against Islamic State,” *Church of Ireland Gazette*, 7 August 2015, 12.

2 Cousins, “Muslims Gather in Dublin,” 12.

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Article in Capitals,” *Title of Newspaper/Magazine in Italics & Capitals*, Date.

Cousins, Suzanne. “Muslims Gather in Dublin to Witness against Islamic State.” *Church of Ireland Gazette*, 7 August 2015.
**Article in an online academic journal**

Include a DOI (Digital Object Identifier): this will begin with https://doi.org/. If this is not available, a URL is acceptable.

### Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Article in Capitals,” *Title of Journal in Italic & Capitals* Issue information: page number, access date, DOI/URL.


### Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Article in Capitals,” *Title of Journal in Italics & Capitals* Issue information: page numbers, access date, DOI/URL.


**Book review**

### Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Review in Capitals,” review of *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*, by First Name Initial Surname, *Title of Newspaper/Magazine/Journal in italics*, Date.


2 Costello, “Faith and Generosity.”

### Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Review in Capitals,” review of *Title in Italics & Capitals: Subtitle*, by First Name Initial Surname, *Title of Newspaper/Magazine/Journal in Italics*, Date.

Citing websites and other online sources

Website
For original content from online sources, include as much information as possible (author, title, publisher, date, access date, URL). However, note the first example, where there is no clear author. The rules here broadly follow those for a book with no author. The title is listed first, but the corporate name goes first in the bibliography. Also note that in contrast to previous editions of Chicago Style, it is now preferred to list the website without italics. In the second example, it is clear that TeacherServe is the name of the website, but you can follow the first example and put 'TeacherServe (website)' if you so wish.

Footnote Structure: “Title of Web Page in Capitals,” Name of Person or Organisation (if not clear, include website in brackets), access date, URL.


2 “About Us.”


2 Bays, “Foreign Missionary Movement.”

Bibliography Structure: Name of Organisation/Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Web Page in Capitals,” Name of Person or Organisation (if not clear, include website in brackets), access date, URL.


Blog
Blogs should be treated much the same as articles in newspapers. If the title of the blog does not make the genre clear, you can include “blog” in parentheses (see below). Note that we have the title of the blog here in italics.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Blog Post in Capitals,” Name of Blog in Italics & Capitals (if not clear, include (Blog) in capitals), date, access date, URL.


2 Comerford, “Good Samaritan.”

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Blog Post in Capitals,” Name of Blog in Italics & Capitals (if not clear, include (Blog) in capitals), date, access date, URL.


Personal communication
Personal communications (including email, text messages, and direct messages sent through social media applications) are usually cited only in the text. You can occasionally footnote these as below. Note that they are rarely included in a bibliography.

1 John Smyth, Facebook message to author, 28 May 2018.

2 Smyth, Facebook message.
Social media content

Citations of content shared through social media can usually be restricted to the text. In very limited cases, a bibliography entry may be appropriate. In lieu of a title, quote up to the first 160 characters of the post. Comments are cited with reference to the original post.

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname/Corporate Name, “Title of post in lower case,” Social Media Type, date, URL.


2 Lambeth Palace Library, “The view from St Mary-at-Lambeth.”

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial/Corporate Name. “Title of post in lower case,” Social Media Type, date, URL.


Miscellaneous examples

Paper presented at a meeting or conference

Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Paper Presented at a Meeting or Conference in Capitals” (information regarding meeting or conference, place, date).

1 Daniele Pevarello, “Christianity: Its Origins and Its Early Development in the Cultures of Antiquity” (paper presented at Educating on Religions, the Evening Lecture Series, Department of Religions & Theology, Trinity College Dublin, 1 October 2015).

2 Pevarello, “Christianity.”

Bibliography Structure: Surname, First Name Initial. “Title of Paper Presented at a Meeting or Conference in Capitals.” Information regarding meeting or conference, place, date.

Pevarello, Daniele. “Christianity: Its Origins and Its Early Development in the Cultures of Antiquity.” Paper presented at Educating on Religions, the Evening Lecture Series, Department of Religions & Theology, Trinity College Dublin, 1 October 2015.
## Thesis or dissertation

### Footnote Structure: First Name Initial Surname, “Title of Dissertation in Capitals: Subtitle” (Type of Dissertation, University, year), page number.


3. The Braemor Series
Since its commencement in 2013, the Braemor Series, which aims to publish the best student dissertations, has been a flagship publication for both CIP and CITI - providing an important opportunity for new authors to see their work in print in a highly-competitive publishing market, whilst further making a significant contribution to theological discourse for the Church of Ireland. If your dissertation is chosen for publication, you will need to ensure that your dissertation adheres to the following specific rules and formats, in addition to the referencing and style-guide points above.

1. Final versions of items for publication should be submitted electronically to bryan.whelan@rcbdub.org.
2. Text should be double-spaced, in any standard font, in 12 pt font size. Footnotes should be single-spaced, in any standard font, in 10pt font size. Please keep bold to a minimum – ideally just for subheadings - and try to avoid the use of underlining.
3. Use of colour tables and graphs should be limited as colour printing is costly, and we would prefer if these can be made black and white. However we will discuss this on an individual basis with each author.
4. Delete any references to ‘dissertation’ in the text and replace with ‘this book’ or ‘this volume,’ or ‘this publication.’ You may vary as you wish.
5. Sub-headings and section breaks are advisable for breaking up text and making it easy to read. Sub-headings may be written in bold.
6. A lead-in time of six months is the realistic minimum amount of time for a project to be completed from the time of submission of text to the printing of final publication. Some publications may take longer.
7. Working titles: Remember your title will appear on the cover of a book, so try to keep it short and snappy to fit the space and grab your reader’s attention. You may use a sub-heading if you wish, but try to keep it short!
8. If you have quoted from any unpublished source, or refer to interviews in your work, you must secure permission from the person interviewed to have their words published, before we can include such reference. When referring to pastoral experience or conversations in confidence you should take care not to reveal a source that would prefer to remain anonymous.
9. Acknowledgement should be made in your introduction of the help that you have received in turning your work into a published item. This should include reference to Church of Ireland Publishing, the Literature Committee, the RCB Library, and the editor that worked with you on your publication.