NML Style Sheet (Rev. July 2015)

Double-space the main text and footnotes, using twelve point and eleven point Times New Roman. British style is followed throughout, so ‘quotations in single quotation marks’; punctuation not part of the quotation falls outside the quotation marks, except in the case of whole sentences following a colon: ‘This is a quotation ending a sentence.’ Double quotation marks for quotations inside quotations.

The general principle of referencing is to provide readers with complete information in as brief a citation as proper form allows. When in doubt, the author should err on the side of providing more, rather than less, information. The author is responsible for the accuracy of all quotations and citations, which should be verified before the manuscript is submitted.

References

Follow the form of the author’s name given in the publication. Titles of books and of individual longer works are in italics; titles of series in roman; titles of single poems in roman with single quotation marks.

Place of publication in normal English spelling format (Turin, not Torino); use US state postal abbreviations to disambiguate when necessary (‘Cambridge, MA’). If more than one location is given for the place of publication, it is usually sufficient to cite only the first location in the list.

Do not use ‘p.’ or ‘pp.’; use ‘line’ and ‘lines’ rather than ‘l.’ or ‘ll.’. Volume numbers in arabic numerals; references to individual volumes followed by a colon and then the page (or column, in the case of the PL) reference. Use roman numerals when the original work uses them for page numbers and when a library uses them for manuscript shelf marks in its collection.

No full stop after abbreviations where the last letter of the abbreviation is the same as that of the full word (so ‘ed.’ for ‘edited by’ and ‘trans.’ for ‘translated by’ but ‘vols’ for ‘volumes’ and ‘edn’ for ‘edition’).

Primary sources: examples


[Here the poem’s title is translated by the essay author; this is optional. If there is a new translation given alongside a quotation in the main text, the reference should end ‘(my translation’).]


10. Matt. 5.21; 1 Cor. 2.12.

**Series and collections of primary sources**

The abbreviations CCCM and CCSL (*Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis* and *Series Latina*), EETS (Early English Text Society), MGH (Monumenta Germaniae Historica; see [http://www.mgh.de/dmgh/linking/kuerzel](http://www.mgh.de/dmgh/linking/kuerzel) for sections of the MGH), and PL and PG (Migne’s *Patrologia Latina* and *Graeca*) need not be explained. It is also usually not necessary to provide publication information for quotations from the PL and PG. The names of other collections and series should be given in full when first cited. The volume number and page number are separated by a colon, with no space between the elements.

PL 123:347.

MGH SS 13:229. [Scriptores, volume 13, page 229.]

MGH Capit. 1:263. [*Leges, Capitularia regum Francorum*, volume 1, page 263.]

MGH Conc. 2.1:131 [*Leges, Concilia*, volume 2, part 1, page 131.]

Full citation of an edited work in a series:


Once a first reference has been given in full it may be given in short form in further references, and highly abbreviated if it appears often, following the format established with first reference:

William of Malmesbury, *Gesta Regum Anglorum*, 2:183 or

*GRA*, 2:183.

*Troilus and Criseyde*, Book IV, line 1444.

However, if the reader might have difficulty deciphering this system as it applies to a given work, the reference should be spelled out in full.

**Manuscripts and archival material**

Both in the text and in the notes the abbreviation ‘MS’ (plural ‘MSS’) is used only when it precedes a shelf mark. Cite the shelf mark according to the practice of the given library. Folio numbers should include a recto/verso reference, abbreviated and written on the line, not as a
The superscript. The abbreviation of ‘folio’ is ‘fol.’ (plural ‘fols.’). Do not use the plural form for inclusive references within a single folio: fol. 22rb—va.

The first reference to a manuscript should give the place-name, the name of the library, and the shelf mark:

Paris, Bibliothèque nationale de France, MS lat. 4117, fols. 108v–145r.
Vatican City, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, MS Vat. lat. 6055, fols. 151r–228v.
London, British Library, MS Cotton Nero A. x.

Subsequent references:

BnF lat. 4117, fol. 108r. [If the context allows, ‘lat. 4117’ may be sufficient.]
Vat. lat. 6055, fol. 151r.
Cotton Nero A. x.

References to archival material should give the place-name, the name of the archive, the institution, and the shelf mark:

**Secondary works**

Models for the citation of secondary works are the following:


Provide inclusive pages rather than ‘f.’ or ‘ff.’ References to page and note take the form ‘123 n. 1’. Provide full page ranges for articles and chapters in the first reference, followed by specific references in brackets. Later references need only supply the specific reference.

**Simplest form examples**


**Later editions and reprints**


**Multiple volumes**

Max Manitius, *Geschichte der lateinischen Literatur des Mittelalters*, 3 vols. (Munich, 1911–31), 1:78. [The citation is to volume 1, page 78.]

**Monographs in a series**


[Series information is sometimes essential for locating books and ought to be included in such cases; the series should always be included when there is a series number.]

**Edited or translated works**


Emil Friedberg, ed., *Corpus iuris canonici*, 2 vols. (Leipzig, 1879–81), 2:lxiv. [Here, because the editor or editors' names come first, the abbreviation 'ed.' means 'editor'; the plural is 'eds'.]


**Foreign titles**

In Latin titles capitalize only the first word, proper nouns, and proper adjectives. In French, Italian, and Spanish titles capitalize only the first word and proper nouns. Follow the prevailing rules for the given language in the capitalization of other foreign titles. Titles in non-Roman alphabets are to be transliterated as well.

Titles in languages other than classical and medieval Latin and Greek, French, Italian, German, and Spanish may be translated. The translation follows the title in square brackets and is not italicized; only the first word and proper nouns and adjectives are capitalized.


**Subsequent references**


Carpenter, ‘Kings, Magnates and Society’, 40.

Use short titles rather than ‘op. cit.’ ‘Ibid.’ may be used for successive references to the same work within a single note; it may also be used for a work cited in the immediately preceding note when only one work is listed in the prior note.

If the work by Reynolds is cited frequently throughout the article—and is the only work by that author cited—the first reference may include the indication ‘hereafter cited as Reynolds’. Subsequent references take the form ‘Reynolds, 97’.
Other matters

1. **Modern authors:** The first mention of a modern author in the text should include the given name (or initials, if that is the author’s preferred form).

2. **Notes:** Notes should be succinct and should be confined to material necessary to support assertions in the text. Footnotes should be avoided in reviews.

3. **French place-names:** French place-names containing ‘Saint’ are normally spelled out, and the hyphen is essential: ‘Saint-Denis.’

4. **Italics and quotation marks:** Isolated expressions and words in foreign languages should be italicized, but a foreign phrase taken from a specific source should be in roman type within quotation marks.

   • Short quotations should be in roman type within quotation marks, but quotations of more than a hundred words of prose or of more than two lines of poetry should be treated as block quotations (typed double-spaced and indented, without quotation marks).

   • Block quotations should be set indented, as extracts. Both the original language and English translation (if provided) should be set in roman.

5. **Scholarly reference terms:** Words and abbreviations such as ‘et al.’ ‘ibid.’ ‘e.g.,’ ‘i.e.,’ and ‘c.’ (circa) should not be italicized. The only exception is ‘[sic].’ Note that ‘cf.’ means ‘compare’ and should not be used when ‘see’ or ‘see also’ is the accurate expression. [Note: both ‘e.g.’ and ‘i.e.’ are followed by a comma.]

6. **Dates:** Use the form ‘1390s’. Centuries should be spelled out; the adjectival form requires a hyphen, as in ‘twelfth-century manuscript’. Use ‘c.’ for approximate dates: ‘c.1200’ (no blank space follows ‘c.’). Separate the termini of spans of years by an en dash: ‘1200–1500’ (but ‘from 1200 to 1500’).

7. **Capitalization:** ‘Middle Ages’ is capitalized, but ‘medieval’ is not. ‘Church’ is generally lowercased, unless it is part of the official name of a denomination or building, or unless it refers to the universal Church, led by Christ. ‘Bible’ is capitalized, but ‘biblical’ is not. Lowercase devotional genres and other religious works, so ‘book of hours’ and ‘hours’ (but: ‘the Wharncliffe Hours’). Lowercase liturgical hours such as matins and vespers. Capitals are fine for ‘Divine Office’, ‘Office’, ‘Office of the Dead’ and for the names of specific hours, such as ‘Hours of the Cross’, and prayers, such as ‘the Lord’s Prayer’. For feasts, use the lowercase form except when the formal name of the feast is being given: ‘Becket’s translation feast’ but ‘the Feast of the Translation of Thomas Becket’ (or just ‘the Translation of Thomas Becket’).