

AVOID PLAGIARISM -- QUICK GUIDE

One plagiarizes when one presents another's work as one's own. It is a form of intellectual theft. SAIC's Faculty Senate Student Life Committee has developed a handbook, [Plagiarism: How to Recognize and Avoid It](#), to address this problem. See also "Students Rights & Responsibilities" in the *Student Handbook* on the [SAIC Student Dashboard](#). The suggestions below have been excerpted from the handbook.

To avoid plagiarism:

- Acknowledge the words and ideas of others when you discuss them in your writing (see [How to Cite Your Work | Giving Credit](#))
- Put quotation marks around direct quotations.
- Cite all of your sources accurately.

Style manuals tell you how to format your paper and citations (references). Your professor may assign a specific style manual. If not, choose one yourself and use it consistently throughout your paper. Here's the most common styles used in the arts and humanities.

Chicago style

REF Z253 .U69 2017

University of Chicago Press. *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017.

Turabian style

LB2369 .T8 2013

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 8th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

MLA style

REF LB2369 .G53 2016

Gibaldi, Joseph. [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers](#). 8th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

Social sciences and Art Therapy courses use:

APA style

REF BF76.7 .P83 2010

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. Washington, DC: Author.

BEST WEB SITES (includes citation examples)

Chicago/Turabian [Chicago Manual of Style Online](#) (requires ARTIC username/password when off-campus)

[Purdue OWL: Chicago Manual of Style examples](#)

MLA

[Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\) MLA Formatting & Style Guide](#)

[Writer's Handbook: MLA Style Documentation](#)

APA

[Purdue Online Writing Lab \(OWL\) Using APA Format](#)

[Writer's Handbook: APA Style Documentation](#)