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### **MLA Style Writing Handbook**

The art of writing is central to the mission of the Mythological Studies Program. The *MLA Style Writing Handbook* (8<sup>th</sup> edition) is the definitive writing resource for the Mythological Studies Program.

Students who currently have been using the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) are encouraged to obtain the *MLA Style Writing Handbook* (8<sup>th</sup> edition) and to note the recent changes made. The notable changes between the guide and the handbook can be found here: <https://www.mla.org/MLA-Style/What-s-New-in-the-Eighth-Edition>

<http://www.MLA.org> contains a wealth of information and tips on MLA. The MLA Style Center can be found at this link: <https://style.mla.org/> The MLA Style Center contains tips for improving writing, common errors, formatting and offers a quick guide on MLA style writing.

### **Research Library**

Pacifica's Research Library offers links to several writing resources and information about writing tutors and editors. This information can be found at <https://www.pacifica.edu/student-services/writing-resources-tutors/>

### **Free Writing Tutors**

Pacifica provides access to three writing tutors listed below, free of charge to currently enrolled students who need help with course papers (not dissertations or theses). This includes English as Second Language (ESL) writing assistance. Tutors may help with grammar, structure, MLA formatting, and more. Please contact tutors for appointments well in advance of due dates so that you can work with them in enough time to receive feedback, and at different points in the writing process. This will give you enough time to revise your papers as necessary. When submitting papers to the tutors, please also provide your actual course paper assignments. Tutors can then see what the requirements for the papers are. Please also tell tutors what you need or want from them when submitting your papers (e.g. MLA formatting help, development of ideas, progression of ideas, grammar, or help with articulating your arguments). Support is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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