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MLA Style and Handbook

The *MLA Handbook* (9th edition) is the definitive formatting guide for course papers and dissertations in the Mythological Studies Program. The MLA Style Center can be found at this link: <https://style.mla.org/>

Students who currently have been using the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3rd edition) are encouraged to obtain the *MLA Style Writing Handbook* (9th edition) and to note the recent changes made. The notable changes between the guide and the handbook can be found here: <https://style.mla.org/ninth-edition-whats-new/>

The MLA Style Center contains tips for improving writing, common errors, and formatting and offers a quick guide on MLA style writing.

Research Library

Pacifica's Research Library offers links to several writing resources and information regarding graduate-level writing. This information can be found at <https://www.pacifica.edu/student-services/graduate-research-library/>

Writing Resources and Free Writing Tutors

Pacifica provides access to three writing tutors listed below, free of charge to currently enrolled students who need assistance 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 review the requirements for the papers. 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. This information can be found at <https://www.pacifica.edu/student-services/writing-resources-tutors/>

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