



Yale University
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Guide to Formatting the Doctoral Dissertation

Summary of Physical Requirements:

Typing

All text (including the abstract) must be double spaced on one side of the page. Individual footnotes, bibliographic references and long quotations may be single spaced, but double spacing must be used between successive entries.

Margins

There must be a 1.5-inch margin on the binding edge (normally the left side of the page) and a 1-inch margin on the three remaining edges. These margins apply to full-page photographs and pages containing charts, tables, and illustrations, as well as to the abstract, title page, and pages of text.

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Print size

If formatting on a computer, use a 10- to 12-point font.

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