STYLE GUIDELINES FOR BRITISH ART STUDIES

REFERENCE BOOKS AND VOCABULARIES

Primary source

*The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition.* Where the *Chicago Manual of Style* (*CMS*) permits flexibility, please maintain internal consistency. Some commonly used sections of the manual are:

- Accents (diacriticals), 11.21, 11.72
- Acronyms, 10.2–10
- Dashes, 6.78, 6.85, 6.93
- Ellipses, 13.50–58
- Epithets (nicknames), 8.34, 8.35, 8.48
- Hyphens, 6.76, 7.81–89
- Initials (names), 7.66, 8.4, 10.4, 10.12
- Names of places, 8.44–59
- Numbers, 9.2, 9.5–8, 9.14, 9.18
- Plurals, 7.5–15
- Serial commas, 6.19
- *sic* in brackets, 13.61
- Titles (nobility), 8.32
- Titles (publications), 8.168–171, 11.6, see also **Capitalisation in titles** below

Names of places (in order of authority)

- *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*
- *Merriam-Webster’s Biographical Dictionary*

Terminology relating to objects, artists, and ideas important to art, architecture, and material culture

- *Union List of Artist Names*, The Getty Research Institute
- *Art & Architecture Thesaurus*, The Getty Research Institute

FURTHER STYLE NOTES

(including some exceptions to the *CMS*)

Bibliographies

A full, alphabetically ordered bibliography must be provided with all articles. As defined by the *CMS*, a full bibliography includes all works cited, whether in text or in notes, other than personal communications. Please refer to the *CMS* for the correct way to format bibliographic entries. However, for electronic resources, please use DOIs (digital object identifiers) if available, rather than URLs. As the DOI points to all available formats simultaneously, it is not necessary to specify *which* electronic format is cited – for example, PDF or HTML.
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Use “headline style” for English-language titles but “sentence-style” for foreign-language titles. See the CMS sections 8.157–161.

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Use British date style: 26 February 1796; on 26 February. If giving just the month and year: February 1796. For approximate dates, use “about” in text but “ca.” in parenthetical references or notes. Note: 185 BC and 849 BCE (with SMALL CAPS) (and when necessary: AD 849)

Figures

Figures consist of anything that is not the written text of the article. This includes illustrations of art works, as well as charts, maps, interactive data visualisations, video or audio files, musical scores, and so on. Figure references should generally appear at the end of the related sentence, with a full stop after the parentheses, unless placement in the middle of a sentence is required for clarity (fig. x).

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Use italics for individual words or phrases that either do not appear in the Oxford English Dictionary, or do appear there but are likely to be unfamiliar to readers. Certain terms, even if familiar, may also appear in italics to emphasise a foreign origin or the special status of elitist associations (such as beau monde). Note that isolated proper nouns (such as the name of a foreign institution) and quoted material in a foreign language are not set in italics.

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Use the full name of every person in first reference. Subsequent references may give only the individual’s last name, or another shortened form. Exceptions arise when an individual has not been mentioned for several pages, or if there is more than one person in the essay with the same shortened form.
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Notes


Bibliography


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