

## GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

To ensure that the evaluation, editing, and production process proceed smoothly, we ask you to follow these specifications when you prepare your final manuscript. Once your manuscript has been accepted for publication, please send the complete manuscript, with all elements in the proper sequence and with a completed [manuscript checklist](#). Include all illustrative materials (tables, graphs, photocopies of photographs) you would like considered for inclusion, along with a completed [illustrations checklist](#). (If you plan to include illustrative materials, please see our [guidelines on the preparation of illustrations](#).)

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- part numbers and titles
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- tables, captions, and figures
- section breaks (i.e., ornaments or line spaces)
- glossary, notes, and bibliography

Including unconventional structural elements (i.e., items not listed above), such as numerous levels of subheading beyond two, sidebars, or epigraphs on subheads, slows down the production process, as our standard templates are then not available for use, requiring that your book enter a nonstandard production process that is more time and labor intensive. If you have questions regarding whether your book is a monograph, consult your acquisitions editor.

### CONTENT, STRUCTURE, AND READABILITY

- **Up to date.** Be sure the manuscript you submit is as up to date as possible. Adding substantial new material or rewriting during editing and production can be complicated and costly.
- **Balanced.** A book seems most cohesive if its structure is balanced. Ideally, all chapter titles are of roughly similar length and all subheadings are of roughly similar length; all chapters or none have subtitles; all chapters or none have epigraphs; all chapters or none are divided into sections titled with subheadings; and so on.
- **Dynamic.** Stuffy phrases, passive voice, and polysyllabic jargon are roadblocks in the path of readership. Read questionable passages aloud; if they sound stilted or obscure, they probably are. The copyeditor will be attuned to such problems but may not know how you, the author, would prefer to resolve them. Taking the time to polish your prose prior to editing can give you greater satisfaction with the final result. Strunk's [Elements](#)

[of Style](#) has lots of good advice, especially the section titled “Elementary Principles of Composition.”

- **Concise and direct.** Avoid repetition, wordiness, and digressions.

## QUOTED MATTER

- Check your typescript for the absolute fidelity of all quoted material. Checking quotations at a later stage can cause delays and unnecessary expense.
- Ensure that sources for quotes are properly credited.
- Our house style is to set two or more lines of poetry and ten or more lines of prose as extracts. Shorter quotations generally should be run into the text and enclosed in quotation marks. Contact us if you have reason to favor a different style.
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- Do not put note markers on display matter (chapter titles, epigraphs, and subheadings) and do not use more than one note per sentence.
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- If you use a lot of abbreviations, consider creating a list of abbreviations.

## FORMATTING THE MANUSCRIPT

We require electronic files for all manuscripts, including collections of previously published works. Speak with your acquisitions editor if you have questions.

- **Layout.** Use one-inch margins throughout. Pages should be as uniform as possible (consistent margins, type style, and number of lines per page).
- **Spacing.** *Double-space everything*, including notes, bibliography, quoted material, lists, poetry, appendixes, tables, captions for illustrations, and any other supplementary material, by formatting paragraphs for double-space. Do not add blank lines between paragraphs except to indicate a break in topic. Complete double-spacing allows us to assess the length of the manuscript accurately.
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two levels of subheadings, paragraph indents for extracts (block quotations), and so on. Avoid word-processing “styles” such as “Heading 1” and “Body Text Indent.”

- **Font.** Use Courier at 10, 11, or 12 points. Most other fonts are proportionally spaced (for example, an *m* is wider than an *i*), making the length of the manuscript much harder to estimate. Use the same size of font for all features, including notes and quotes.
- **Extracts (block quotations).** To set off block quotations, format the paragraph to indent the left margin; do not use hard returns and tabs.
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