

Manuscript Formatting Guidelines

Thesis/Dissertations

Several programs at Tennessee Tech including Environmental Sciences, Biology, and Chemical Engineering conduct research best presented as discrete journal articles rather than a continuous document. Manuscript chapters better showcase individual projects and streamline publication, aligning with the program requirement for students to submit a manuscript for publication before graduation. The manuscript format also enables a more comprehensive dissertation and thesis because findings need not be abridged to fit a unified narrative. Recognizing the benefits of flexibility, the College of Graduate Studies has adopted manuscript-style formatting on a program basis. Your program must be approved to use this formatting option.

General formatting will adhere to existing standards as listed on the Thesis/Dissertation website ([link](#)), including margin size, line spacing, heading style consistency, and continuous pagination. Specific manuscript format requirements are:

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