

Microsoft Word 2016 MLA Formatting Techniques

These are tips for the desktop, PC version of Microsoft Word 2016. The mobile apps and online Office 365 version do not have the functionality to perform some of these techniques.

Document Settings	Ribbon Tab	Command
1 inch margins	Layout	Margins → Normal
		Margins
Double spaced	Home	Paragraph >
		Line & Paragraph Spacing = 2.0
No spacing [0 points] after	Home	Paragraph ->
paragraphs		↓≡ ▼ Line & Paragraph Spacing →
		Line Spacing Options →
		Spacing: After = 0 pt
12-point font (Times New	Home	Times New Ro + 12 +
Roman preferred)		Times New Ro + 12 +
Indent every paragraph	None	Use Tab key at the start of each paragraph to
		indent

1st Page Settings	Ribbon Tab	Command
Identifying information	None	Put each piece of information on its own line.
Your Name		For Course, use your instructor's preference.
Instructor		If no preference, use English 1013 instead of
Course		Composition I.
Date Due		
Title centered on page	Home	Paragraph: Center
Page Header (Running Header) Insert name and page number in the upper right of every page	Insert and Home	1) Header: Blank 2) Header & Footer Tools: Insert Page # 3) Home → Paragraph: Align left

In-text Citations	Ribbon Tab	Command
(Author page #).	None	A) Author or title + page number placed
No Author? Use		inside (parentheses)
Title.		B) Add a space between the author and page
 No Page #? Skip it. 		number
		C) Period goes outside of the parenthesis

Works Cited Page	Ribbon	Command
	Tab	
Insert new page	Insert	Page Break
Hanging indentation	Home	Paragraph Paragraph settings: Indentation: Special: Hanging Indentation Left: Right: Mirror indents Special: Hanging
Ordering sources	None	List sources alphabetically by author. No author? Use title.
Remove hyperlinks	None	Right-click on link. Select: Remove hyperlink
 Place the cursor at the point in the URL where you want to insert the break (this may take some trial and error to get correct) 	Insert	Symbol → More Symbols → Special Characters: No-Width Optional Break Insert