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We publish Research Articles, Book Reviews, Special Issues, and Blog Posts:

- *Research Articles* have a suggested word count of 8,000 to 15,000 words and use endnote citations (*Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th ed.). Endnotes should comprise no more than 30% of the word count (i.e., endnotes for a 12,000-word article would be around 3,600 words.)
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Submission Preparation

The *Journal of Contemplative Studies* follows the [Chicago Manual of Style](https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/), 17th edition (CMOS 17), for general grammar and usage guidance, except where CMOS explicitly conflicts with the guidelines set forth below.

Formatting

- Font = Times New Roman, size 12
- 1" margins on every side

- Double-spaced, including endnotes and Works Cited
- Use tabs at the start of paragraphs, no additional spaces between paragraphs
- Block quotations for more than 50 words of prose, or more than three lines of poetry
- One space after punctuation

Citation Style

General

Unless otherwise noted in the instructions or template for a specific content type, use [*Chicago Manual of Style's* notes \(endnotes\) and bibliography](#) system for citations.

*NOTE: Always use **Title Case** (Headline Style) capitalization for all books, chapters, and articles and always italicize books.

*NOTE: [Google Scholar](#) provides citations for academic articles in each of the major styles including Chicago. These versions are often incomplete or inaccurate and should only be used as a starting point.

Examples

Books and Chapters

Last Name, First Name [of first author], Next Author [First Name Last Name include all authors separated by commas with “and” before last one]. *Title of Book*. Location of Publisher [e.g., New York, NY]: Publisher, Date. URL [with hyperlink to book page on publisher’s website or if none to Google Books.]

E.g.

Altvater, Elmar, Eileen Crist, Donna Haraway, Daniel Hartley, Christian Parenti, and Justin McBrien. [*Anthropocene or Capitalocene?: Nature, History, and the Crisis of Capitalism*](#). Oakland, CA: Pm Press, 2016.

Seppälä, Emma M., Emiliana Simon-Thomas, Stephanie L. Brown, Monica C. Worline, C. Daryl Cameron, and James R. Doty, eds. [*The Oxford Handbook of Compassion Science*](#). New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2017.

García Márquez, Gabriel. *Love in the Time of Cholera*. Translated by Edith Grossman. London: Cape, 1988.

Batson, C. Daniel. “The Empathy-Altruism Hypothesis: What and So What?” In *The Oxford Handbook of Compassion Science*, edited by Emma M. Seppälä, Emiliana Simon-Thomas, Stephanie L. Brown, Monica C. Worline, C. Daryl Cameron, and James R. Doty, 7–40. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Academic Articles

Last Name, First Name [of lead author], Next Author [First Name Last Name-- Include all authors separated by commas with “and” before last one]. “Title of Article.” *Journal* vol, no. x [date]: page number-page number. doi:# [include hyperlink].

Note: For more than 10 authors of an article, list the first seven followed by **et al.**

E.g.

Roeser, Robert W., Kimberly A. Schonert-Reichl, Amishi Jha, Margaret Cullen, Linda Wallace, Rona Wilensky, Eva Oberle, Kimberly Thomson, Cynthia Taylor, and Jessica Harrison. “Mindfulness Training and Reductions in Teacher Stress and Burnout: Results from Two Randomized, Waitlist-Control Field Trials.” *Journal of Educational Psychology* 105, no. 3 (2013): 787. doi.org/10.1037/a0032093.

Popular Press

Last Name, First Name [of lead author], First Name Last Name, First Name Last Name, ... and First Name Last Name. “Title of Article.” *Magazine or Website*, Date. Accessed [list current date]. URL [with hyperlink].

E.g.

Kolbert, Elizabeth. “The Fate of Earth.” *The New Yorker*, October 12, 2017. Accessed July 16, 2019. <https://www.newyorker.com/tech/annals-of-technology/the-fate-of-earth>

Goleman, Daniel. “Wired for Kindness: Science Shows We Prefer Compassion, and Our Capacity Grows with Practice.” *Washington Post*, June 23, 2015. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2015/06/23/wired-for-kindness-science-shows-we-prefer-compassion-and-our-capacity-grows-with-practice/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.7d98242a9e44.

Germano, William. “Futurist Shock.” *Lingua Franca* (blog). *Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 15, 2017. <http://www.chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2017/02/15/futurist-shock/>.

Audio/Video

Last Name, First Name [main subject of the recording]. “Title of Podcast Episode or Film.” *Name of Podcast or Producer in Italics*. Type of recording [e.g., YouTube video, or Podcast audio], date of recording. URL [with hyperlink].

E.g.

Aguiar, Elena. “Twelve Ways Teachers Can Build Their Emotional Resilience.” *The Cult of Pedagogy Podcast with Jennifer Gonzales*. Podcast audio, May 5, 2018. <https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/resilience/>.

Davidson, Richard. “The Four Constituents of Well-Being.” *Greater Good Science Center*. YouTube video, January 28, 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeBpsiFQiTI>.

Davidson, Richard. “A Neuroscientist on Love and Learning.” *On Being with Krista Tippett*. Podcast audio, February 14, 2019. <https://onbeing.org/programs/richard-davidson-a-neuroscientist-on-love-and-learning-feb2019/>.

Transliteration

Arabic

Follow the [International Journal of Middle East Studies transliteration chart](#).

Chinese

Use [Pinyin romanization](#) following guidelines from the ALA-LC.

Japanese

Use the [ALA-LC Japanese romanization](#).

Pāli

Use standard diacritics as in the [ALA-LC Pāli romanization](#).

Persian

Follow the [International Journal of Middle East Studies transliteration chart](#).

Sanskrit

Use standard diacritics as in the [ALA-LC Sanskrit and Prakrit romanization](#).

Tibetan

Use the Tibetan and Himalayan Library (THL) [Extended Wylie Transcription system](#) for Tibetan romanization and the [THL Simplified Phonetics Transcription](#) system for phonetics.

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Follow the [International Journal of Middle East Studies transliteration chart](#).

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Manuscript submissions must:

- Adhere to the Manuscript Preparation Guide
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- Provide an abstract of the article (150-200 words)
- Include endnotes and list of Works Cited, if applicable
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