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Final Manuscript Prep Guide

FORMATTING

These are the formatting standards Lexington Books requires its authors to follow. Should you submit your manuscript in a form that does not follow these standards, your acquisitions editor or their assistant may return your manuscript and ask that you format it in accordance with the standards laid out in this guide.

The final draft you submit to your acquisitions editor is what will appear in the book. No edits other than proofreading corrections can be made after the book is sent to our production team. Text cannot be rewritten and images cannot be added. All edits must be completed before you submit your final draft.

- All files should be in Microsoft Word .doc or .docx file format.
- The final manuscript must be divided into individual files for each chapter. Front and back matter should be split into separate files for each components as well (dedication, acknowledgments, table of contents, list of figures, bibliography, appendices, etc.). File names for chapter files should include the chapter number.
- Files must be submitted via email. Sending multiple emails due to attachment size limits may be necessary. If you cannot submit via email, please contact your acquisitions editor to discuss other accepted submission methods.
- All text, including headings, subheadings, endnotes, and block quotes must be double-spaced in black, 12pt. Times New Roman font.
- Do not add extra spacing, hard returns (pressing the Enter key), or line breaks between paragraphs, endnotes, and bibliographic entries. Don't include tabs in the middle of paragraphs or bibliography entries.
- Pages should be 8½" x 11" with 1 inch margins.
- With the exception of chapter titles and A-level subheadings, all text should be left aligned. Do not justify or right align text.
- Do not use the space bar to indent the first line of a paragraph. Use a paragraph indent. Do not indent the paragraph that directly follows a chapter title, or A-level subheading.
- If you want a blank line to appear between two paragraphs in your book, place the callout "<code><code></code></code>" where the blank line should be. Use this sparingly.
- Bold typeface and underlining are against our house style. When emphasizing text, use italics. No text should be bolded or underlined, not even headings or subheadings.
- All headings and subheadings should be title case. Do not use all-caps, small caps, or sentence case for headings or subheadings. You must have an A-level heading before a B-level heading,

and B-level heading before a C-level heading. The chapter title is not a heading, and is separate from the heading structure. Examples of the types of subheadings can be found below.

A-Level Subheading (Centered, hard return above and below)

First line of text.

B-Level Subheading (Aligned Left, hard return above and below)

First line of text.

C-Level Subheading (Aligned Left and Italicized, hard return above and below)

First line of text.

- Quotes of five or more lines should be set apart from the surrounding text and indented exactly one-half inch from the left margin and not indented at all from the right margin. Adjust the margins for this or click the “Increase Indent” button located in the paragraph section of the main Microsoft Word toolbar; do not use spaces or tabs, and do not include a hard return after each line of the quote. Let lines wrap naturally. Include a hard return before and after each block quote. All block quotes should be double spaced, not single.
- Do not use hyphens to break words at the ends of lines.
- Images and tables should not be inserted directly into the text. Each image and table must be saved in a separate file and you will need to submit a complete list of all image and table captions and sources (even if you’re the source). See the Figures, Tables, and Text Boxes section of this document and Art and Table Guide for more information.
- Prepare a table of contents: list all parts/sections; chapter numbers, titles, bibliography/references, about the author/contributors, and appendices. We use your contents to verify that we have all parts of your manuscript, so be sure it is complete and accurate. Make sure chapter titles and author/editor/contributor names are the same in the table of contents and chapter files. Do not include page numbers or subheadings in your table of contents.
- Leave no comments, tracked changes, highlighting, or hidden text in the draft you send to your acquisitions editor.

- Do not insert headers or footers in the manuscript, not even page numbers. Page numbers will be added during typesetting.
- Do not use any special formatting in Microsoft Word, such as preset styles or page templates. Do not use heading styles for headings and subheadings. All text should be formatted as normal text.
- Citations and bibliographies/reference lists should be formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style’s formatting guidelines. Authors can choose between using the endnote/bibliography (not footnotes) or parentheses/reference list style (AKA author/date style) of Chicago-style citations. A short guide to Chicago-style citations can be found here: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html
- All endnotes must be embedded. Please use Microsoft Word’s endnote feature to create endnotes. Do not simply make a numbered list at the end of your document.
- Endnotes cannot be included in chapter headings or subheadings. Any notes that you would want to include in the chapter headings should instead be placed at the end of the first sentence following the heading or subheading.
- Do not put hard returns between endnotes.
- All cited sources must appear in the bibliography, and the bibliography should not include sources that are not referenced in the text. If there are supplemental sources that you would like to mention but you do not reference directly, please include them in an appendix named “Appendix ##: Further Reading”
- Bibliography entries should not be separated according to publication type. All entries should appear together in one unified, alphabetized bibliography that will appear at the end of the manuscript (see the edited collection section for information about bibliographies in edited collection chapters).
- You will not need to submit an index with your manuscript files. Page numbers will change when the book is typeset and indexing will be completed after you receive typeset page proofs.
- Do not use Wikipedia as a source. We will ask you to replace it with another source.
- Please be sure that every quote and block quote has a clear and full citation.

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In addition to the guidelines listed above, there are some formatting requirements specific to edited collections. It is the collection editor’s responsibility to make sure that all chapter authors follow these guidelines and make certain that all chapters follow a uniform and consistent style.

- Contributors must approve any and all changes the collection editor makes to their chapters at all stages of the publication process.
- Rather than providing one bibliography for all chapters, each chapter must have its own bibliography. It should appear immediately following the main body of the text. The bibliography should not be separated by source type and sources must appear in alphabetical order.

- All chapters must use the same citation style (either author/date and reference list or endnotes/bibliography).
- Provide a document with brief biographical notes about each contributor.
- Please ensure that all contributor names are spelled correctly and are consistent in the chapter(s) they authored, table of contents, and contributor bios.

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- All images, tables, and text boxes should be sent in separate documents, and the file names should include the chapter number and numbering that indicates the order in which they should appear. For example, the file for the first figure in chapter 2 should be named “figure 2.1,” and the first table in chapter 2 should be named “table 2.1,” etc. They should be referenced in the text according to the same naming scheme as the file names.
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<INSERT FIGURE ## HERE>

<INSERT TABLE ## HERE>

- Captions are needed for ALL figures, tables, and text boxes. Captions should include the figure/table/textbox numbers, source information, and accurate credit lines. Credit lines are needed for all images, even if they were created by author or contributor. Please submit the captions in a separate file named “list of captions.”
- All images should be submitted as JPG, TIFF, PDF, or .DOCX files and must have a resolution of at least 300dpi and dimensions of at least 1200*1800 pixels (or be at least 4 inches tall or wide).
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- Any content not created by the author and not created before 1923 will require permission from the rights holder of that content. Please see the permissions section of this guide and the Permissions Guide for more information.
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THE PRODUCTION PROCESS

After your final manuscript has been submitted and sent to production, you will be contacted by a production editor. Throughout the production process, your production editor will ask you to complete the following tasks:

Proofreading: Once the book has been typeset, you will receive a PDF file of the typeset book pages. At this time, you will be asked to proofread your book for grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors. The typeset proofs will also be sent to an outside proofreader. You will be given two weeks to proofread your page proofs and submit any corrections to your production editor. You will only receive one set of proofs and will not be able to review a second set of proofs. Please note this is not an opportunity for rewriting; only minor edits or egregious/inaccurate errors will be fixed once the manuscript has been typeset.

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