

Quadrant II - Transcript and Related Materials

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Guidelines - Part 1**

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Notes

Outline

- ❖ Ethical, Legal and Professional standards in publishing
- ❖ Paper format
- ❖ Mechanics of style
- ❖ Writing style & Grammar usage

The *Publication Manual (APA)* guides users through the scholarly writing process - from the **ethics of authorship to reporting research through publication.**

It offers guidance on choosing - headings, tables, figures, language, and tone that will result in powerful, concise & elegant scholarly communication, easy-to-use reference and citation system, etc.

Ethical, Legal and Professional standards in publishing

- Ensuring the accuracy of scientific findings.
- Protecting the rights and welfare of research participants and subjects.
- Protecting intellectual property rights

Paper format

- Title page
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Method- Participants, tools used, design, procedure.
- Results
- Discussion
- References
- Appendices

Writing style & Grammar usage

A. Effective scholarly writing:

- i) Continuity and flow
- ii) Conciseness and clarity

B. Grammar usage:

- i) Verbs
- ii) Pronouns
- iii) Sentence construction

Strategies to improve your writing.

Proper grammar and usage are important to all writing, including papers written in APA Style.

Incorrect grammar and careless construction of sentences distract readers, introduce ambiguity, and impede clear communication.

The grammar and usage guidelines in the *Publication Manual* represent only the most common areas of concern for writers—verbs, pronouns, and sentence construction.

Use of Active voice & Passive voice

Use the active voice as much as possible to create direct, clear, and concise sentences, especially when you are writing about the actions of people.

Use the passive voice when it is more important to focus on the recipient of an action than on who performed the action, such as when describing an experimental setup.

Verbs are direct, vigorous communicators. Use a verb tense consistently

Use first-person pronouns in APA Style to describe your work/personal reactions. If you are writing a paper by yourself, use the **pronoun “I” to refer to yourself**. If coauthors, use the **pronoun “we”**. **Do not use the third person to refer to yourself.**

Mechanics of style:

Numbers

Abbreviations

Italics

Punctuations

Spellings

capitalization

The *Publication Manual* (7th ed.) has been thoroughly revised and updated to reflect best practices in scholarly writing and publishing.

The seventh edition is an indispensable resource for students and professionals to achieve excellence in writing and make an impact.

Books for Reference:

1. Goodwin, C. J. (2010). *Research in psychology: Methods and design*, (8th ed). USA: Wiley.
2. Kothari, C.R., Garg, G. (2018). *Research methodology: Methods and techniques*, (4th ed). New Delhi: New Age International Publishers.
3. Publication Manual (2020). APA. (7th ed). USA. ISBN-978-1-4338-3217-8.