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AUTHOR GUIDE

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We look forward to working with you!

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Your manuscript should include the following sections:

	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL
FRONT MATTER	<p>Title page</p> <p>Table of contents</p>	<p>Dedication / Acknowledgments</p> <p>List of figures</p> <p>Foreword</p> <p>Preface</p>
BODY	<p>Main text <i>(For edited works, references should be included at the end of each chapter.)</i></p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Figures & images <i>(Each submitted in a separate file. See this document's section on figures for more info.)</i></p>
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Formatting

Generally, please use as little special formatting as possible as this makes editing and production easier for our staff, and consult the *Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition*, for style and grammar choices. Please also follow these specific formatting guidelines:

1. Text should be

- Left aligned
- Double-spaced with 1-inch margins
- In 12-point font (Calibri, Times New Roman, or some other commonly used font)

2. Type only one space after each period.

3. Use the serial comma.

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4. In a header or footer, include the name of the book and page number on each page.

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| **First-Level Headings Bold and Large**
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6. Indent block quotes.

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| The Center for Engaged Learning [<https://www.centerforengagedlearning.org/>] brings together international leaders in higher education to develop and to synthesize rigorous research on central questions about student learning.

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| As we discuss in greater detail in the ["Outcomes of Pedagogical Partnership Work" resource]...

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| `<note>Students mentioned that it can be hard to remember...</note>`
| `<box>Student Partner Orientation Schedule ... </box>`

Inclusive Language

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These resources give practical recommendations for using inclusive language:

- UNC Writing Center's Gender Inclusive Language (<https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/gender-inclusive-language/>)
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References

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Felten, Peter, John N. Gardner, Charles C. Schroeder, Leo M. Lambert, and Betsy O. Barefoot. 2016. *The Undergraduate Experience: Focusing Institutions on What Matters Most*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

In-text citations should list author/editor and year of publication, with no intervening punctuation. For direct quotes, include the page number.

(Felten 2014)
(Felten 2014, 223)

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	In-text citations	Reference list
1-3 authors	(Moore and Bass 2017)	Moore, Jessie L., and Randall Bass, eds. 2017. <i>Understanding Writing Transfer: Implications for Transformative Student Learning in Higher Education</i> . Sterling, VA: Stylus Publishing.
4-10 authors	(Felten et al. 2016)	Felten, Peter, John N. Gardner, Charles C. Schroeder, Leo M. Lambert, and Betsy O. Barefoot. 2016. <i>The Undergraduate Experience: Focusing Institutions on What Matters Most</i> . San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

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We encourage you to consider whether including visuals would enrich your text. Data visualizations, diagrams of concepts, and other types of images can convey meaning quickly and effectively to your readers.

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Sequentially label each figure within each chapter. For example, the first figure in chapter 5 would be “Figure 5.1”.

Name image files as follows:

| authorlastname_brieftitle_figure5.1

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| <Figure 5.1>
| <Postcard of Elon College, circa 1915. Image from the Durwood Barbour Collection of North Carolina Postcards (P077), North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives, Wilson Library, UNC-Chapel Hill.>

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| <table 3.1>

| <A range of institutions that have created post-bac fellow positions>

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Keep tables as simple as possible. Remember that the trim size of your book may limit the size at which we can reproduce your table; tables over 4-5 inches wide may be problematic.

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- Five or more discussion questions for each chapter
- Any other supplemental resources identified in your book contract

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| authorlastname_authorfirstname.jpg