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1. Your work should be in 11 or 12” point font, 1.5 spacing and full alignment. Footnotes should be in size 10” and single-spaced. The pages must be numbered. There must be a bibliography at the end of the essay. The word count must be stated at the beginning or the end.
2. Word limit: Specified for each course by the instructor. For the Master’s thesis see 7.
3. **Bibliography**

* The bibliography should list all works directly quoted or referred to in the essay. Works which have influenced your thinking ought to be included too, even if you have not referred to them in your footnotes. But in the case of such works, you should consider the possibility of adding a footnote to the essay at the appropriate place, explaining how the item has influenced you, or even just drawing attention to its existence. Works should be included in the bibliography only if you have used them yourself.
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  + **Publisher**

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    - year of journal
    - title of article (in quotation marks, without initial capitals)
    - name of journal (in italics)
    - volume number of journal
    - and pages (just the page numbers, not ‘pp.’)

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* The name of the journal may be given in abbreviated form (in italics), if you prefer, as long as the correct abbreviation is used. A list of the standard abbreviations for journals may be found at <http://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/c.php?g=381579&p=2585381>
* If you consulted a journal article in an internet archive (i.e. online), the article should be cited as if in the print form.

**Examples**

**Edited and translated edition**

Aristotle (1991) *De anima*. Edited by D.W. Hamlyn. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

**Book**

**Burnyeat, M.F.** (1990) The Theaetetus of Plato. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing.

**Edited Volume**

Fine, G. (ed.) (2008) *The Oxford Handbook of Plato*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**Contribution to multi-author volume, collection of essays** etc.:

Annas, J. (2001) ‘Plato’s ethics’, in G. Fine (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Plato*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 260–280.

**Article**

Sedley, D. (2002) ‘The origins of Stoic god’, *Ancient Philosophy*, 22(1) 129–150.

**Electronic Sources**

Kraut, R. (2022) *Plato*. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy. Available at: https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato/ (Accessed: 28 June 2025).

**4. References**

* Whenever you make a point based on something you have taken from another author, you should give the reference. As a general rule, references to primary sources are best put in brackets in the body of the essay and references to modern works in footnotes at the bottom of the page.
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Plato, *Republic*  382b2–3

Aristotle, *Poetics* 1449b3

Diogenes Laertius 8.77

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* Never cite ancient works by the page number of a translation. Every ancient author has their own standard system of reference (line number, section number): you must use this system and no other. Do not forget to state which work of the author it is that you are referring to, even if you think it is obvious (a reference such as ‘Plato 172a’ is meaningless).
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Sedley (2004), 45

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* You must not cite the full bibliographical details in footnotes: they should appear in the bibliography only.
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* Footnotes must always end with a full stop.

**5. Use of italics**

* Ancient words and phrases (*logos*, *polis*, *aporia*), foreign words and phrases (raison d’être) and titles of ancient works and modern books should be put in italics.
* Titles of articles should not be put in italics, but in quotation marks. Greek should never be put in italics.

**6. Quotations**

* Quotations from English and other modern languages should be put in quotation marks. Quotations from Greek and Latin should not be put in quotation marks. Quotations that are several lines long should be set out as a separate block of text and indented (not centred); neither quotation marks nor italics should be used.
* If passages of Greek or Latin are quoted, there is usually no need to give a translation. You should only give a translation (or translations) if the passage is obscure, corrupt or difficult, and its meaning needs to be established or explained. Never quote only in translation texts that you are supposed to have read in Greek or Latin.
* Quotations of Greek must show the correct breathings and accents. There are several Greek fonts that can be downloaded from the internet

**7.** The Thesis has a length of 12,000-15,000 words. This word count does not include the bibliography and possible appendices.

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