

ACADEMIC PAPER CHECKLIST

The following is a checklist for writing an academic-style paper. Use this to ensure all your academic papers are complete and correctly structured.

- Have you addressed all the items in the assignment prompt? Use the assignment instructions as a checklist to be sure you've covered everything. Use this video on [Aligning your Paper with the Assignment Prompt](#).
- Did you begin your paper with an [Introduction](#) paragraph that ends with a [Thesis Statement](#)?
- Have you included multiple well-developed [Body Paragraphs](#) and integrate concepts, ideas, or information from required readings and/or outside research into those paragraphs? Use this guide on [Integrating Research](#).
- Did you create a [Conclusion](#) paragraph that reiterates the overall thesis, the main points made, and shares the significance of the topic?
- Have you used an [Academic Voice](#) throughout your paper?
- Did you correctly cite your sources as you used them, using an [Academic Citation Style](#)?
- Did you create a references or works cited page for the sources you used, using either [APA](#), [MLA](#), or other required style?
- Have you met all the requirements within the assignment instructions including word count, number of sources, or other requirements?
- Did you review your writing for correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling? See these [Proofreading Strategies](#).

For more help writing an academic paper, please see our [Writing an Academic Paper guide](#).