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# GUIDELINES ON MANUSCRIPT FORMAT\*

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# **Typeface and Font Size**

Please use roman type throughout the manuscript. Refrain from underlining the title of the article and the section subheadings. The prescribed font type for titles and primary subheads is 14-point bold type. For secondary subheads and run-ins, use 12-point, bold and italicized type. For body text, use 12-point font and 11-point font for block quotations.

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Titles of officials are capitalized only when they precede the names of the individuals. Use capital letters when referring to a subject as a discipline (e.g., studies in Public Administration). Always capitalize the major words in titles of books and articles and in subheadings. For titles in the reference list, capitalize only the first word and proper nouns.

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Always include the page number(s) of the source of any quoted material. Materials that are cited word for word should always be enclosed in quotation marks. Quoted material that is longer than six lines is set off as a block quotation. A block quotation is separated from the paragraphs and is typed in smaller font.

Quotation marks are also used to enclose words that are coined, slang or unfamiliar.

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Numbers less than 10 should be spelled out. Use numerals for numbers equal to or greater than 10, percentages, and decimals. "Percent" should always be spelled out (e.g., two percent, 99 percent). Do not omit placement zeroes (e.g., 0.25, 0.01) except in tables. Avoid starting sentences with numbers.

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Use tables, graphs and figures only when necessary. Discussion on the relevance of table or figure should precede the table or figure. Keep tables, graphs and figures simple, clear and readable. When using multiple tables or figures, it is necessary to include identification numbers (e.g., Table 2, Figure 4).

<sup>\*</sup> Based from *Public Administration Review (PAR)* Submission Information and Guidelines for Authors and *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA), Sixth Edition

The caption of a table or figure appears above the table or figure. It is composed of an identification number, a brief descriptive title, and unit of measurement.

e.g., Table 4. National Education Budget in the Past 10 Years (in Philippine Pesos)

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