Practical Tech Tips for Student Writing

This page contains practical tips for procedures when using your PC or Mac to write for coursework.

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### Bibliographies, Works Cited, and Reference Lists

#### Hanging Indent

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### Composition
Special Characters

Letters and accents in languages other than English

Microsoft Word

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Mac
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Google Docs
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Unicode and ASCII Characters

You may use a set of characters not printed on your keyboard on a regular basis. If you are writing in French, for example, you need a case it may pay you to learn Unicode or ASCII codes that allow you to rapidly enter these letters without clicking through menus and c including web searches and the character map in MS Word.

ASCII Codes are probably best if you have an extended keyboard with a righthand number keypad. If you are using a laptop keyboard use letter keys' secondary numbers, which is complicated and may mean Unicode is more worthwhile. On the other hand, ASCII code recognize unicode. To add a special character via ASCII code to your document, hold down the ALT key, while typing the four-digit co

Unicodes are different; è is unicode 00E9. You enter these by typing in the code, and then pressing ALT-X. These are friendlier to laptop like MS Word will recognize them, but web browsers, and Google Docs running in a web browser, will not.

Character Map

In most Word Processors you can access a character map, or menu that allows you to click the character you want and install it.

In MS Word, the character map is also a handy reference for discovering ASCII or unicodes. to access the Character Map in MS Word Symbols to open a menu. There, choose More Symbols...

Google Docs also has a character map, accessed via the Insert Menu: Special Characters.

You can find more information on ASCII, Unicodes, and the Character Map in Microsoft Word here.