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Instructions and Sample: The Abbreviations Page

According to the [Format Guidelines](#), if you use abbreviations in your footnotes, other than standard abbreviations such as the books of the Bible, include a list of the abbreviations with the matching full titles on an “Abbreviations” page in the preliminary pages of your thesis. Students are required to follow the instructions for the Abbreviations page found in [Turabian](#) (2007, 389-90, and Fig. A.7).

ABBREVIATIONS

Arrange the items
alphabetically according to
the abbreviations.

CD

Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*

Complete bibliographic
information should not
appear here.

CNTC

Calvin’s New Testament Commentaries

List the
abbreviations
flush left.

CR

Corpus Reformatorum

CTJ

Calvin Theological Journal

Italicize titles of published
works.

CWE

Collected Works of Erasmus

EQ

Evangelical Quarterly

Include a minimum of
identifying information.

JETS

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society

LW

Luthers Werke

OEE

Opus epistolarum Des. Erasmi Roterodami

PL

Patrologia Latina

Single space individual
items, and leave blank
space between items.

RTJ

Reformed Theological Journal

STC

*Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland
and of English Books printed in other countries, 1641-1700*

WCF

Westminster Confession of Faith

WTJ

Westminster Theological Journal

Spelled-out titles are set
on a consistent indent.
Allow ½” after the
longest abbreviation.

Number page with
Roman numeral.