

STYLE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENT SUBMISSIONS IN ECE 3900, 4900, 4910

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As a result of the recent visit of the ABET accreditation team to the College of Engineering, it was pointed out by the team members that the written work of our students submitted in courses such as ECE 3900, ECE 4900, and ECE 4910 are delinquent in the following respects:

1. Student work submitted in classes such as those enumerated are primarily written in first person, whereas the style used by professionals in the engineering fields are written in third person. The effort should be made in all future writings such as abstracts, reports, theses, and other formal descriptive writing to change our style if necessary to put the writing in third person.
2. It was also noted that the student written reports have virtually no references to prior engineering or physical results from textbooks, journal articles, reports, and oral communication where applicable. It is appropriate to research these sources prior to your actual research and to reference these sources so people reading your writing efforts cannot claim that any plagiarism has taken place. It should be clear that your own research is based on the prior knowledge. In order to avoid a "reinventing the wheel," we should always investigate and cite all such sources that form a basis for our own work.