

How to Obtain an ACS Journal Research Article

In order to help you with writing in scientific format, you should obtain a research article from an American Chemical Society journal. This article is more for formatting issues so do not worry if you do not understand the content at this point. There are many journals out there with varying formats, no matter what you do in other classes, in chemistry class we will stick to the ACS format. The paper that you print should be kept and referred to as you write assignments in the General Chemistry course. You may notice that papers differ a little from the format that we require you to follow. For example, the results and discussion sections may be combined or the conclusions section may be missing. Although formats vary slightly, the style and organization of information should be similar. The format that we ask you to follow is more rigid and technically correct. You may wish to vary from this format later on in your scientific careers. The following is a brief guide to obtaining a research article. ACS journals are available from computers in the library and the DN computer lab.

To obtain an article

1. Go to the marist library web page <http://library.marist.edu/>
2. Under the "Research" tab at the top go to "Databases" and select "By A-Z list"
3. Select "ACS publications"
4. At this point you will be asked for your k account and password.
5. Click on the "Journals and magazines" button on the left side of the screen.
6. Select a journal that most closely matches your interests. Most journals are fine although "Analytical Chemistry" or "Inorganic Chemistry" often have the best formats.
7. At this point the contents of the current issue should be displayed.
8. Pick one of the papers under the "Articles" heading. The paper should be selected at random so that most people will have different papers. Note: Communications, Technical Notes, Reviews etc will have different formats and are not acceptable.
9. Click the Full: "PDF" and print the article.