**Style Guide for English Submissions**

Authors preparing manuscripts for submission to *International Journal of Chinese Language Teaching* should follow the following style guide.

**Language**

* The journal is published in English. Both American and British styles are acceptable, as long as the paper uses one style consistently (i.e., not mixing American and British style in the same paper).
* The paper's English should be free of errors. •

**Key formatting issues**

* The main text should be in 12-point Times New Roman and Multiple 1.2 line-spaced.
* Block quotations (over 35 words) should be in 10-point Times New Roman and single-spaced. Also, they should be left and right indented.
* No footnotes may be used. Use endnotes if necessary. Endnotes placed after main text, before references.
* The first line after a chapter title and a section heading must not be indented; all subsequent paragraphs must be indented at 1/2 inches (i.e., 1.27 cm).
* Block justified paragraphs throughout (not left justified).
* Do not space twice at the end of a sentence. Only one space needed.
* No space after or before paragraphs

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* + The title should not exceed 15 words.
  + The title of the article should be in 14-point bold Cambria.
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(2)Main text (with Tables and Figures complete with captions and legends)  
(3)References;  
(4)Appendices (if relevant).

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Format:

Table 1

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