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Question: How do I alter the margins of my paper? I've tried setting the document height and the width but I want to make some additional changes. Thanks.

Hi,

To alter the left and right margin areas, use the following lines in the preamble of your document:

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\setlength{\oddsidemargin}{0.25 in}  
\setlength{\evensidemargin}{0.25 in}
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The starting value above is 0.25 so you just alter this value to shift the page left and right. For instance, you can alter 0.25 to like 0.10 to move the page to the left by .15 inches. If you are using the onside documentclass option then you only need to set the oddsidemargin.

To alter the top and bottom margin areas use:

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\setlength{\topmargin}{-0.30 in}
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The starting value above is -0.30 to shift the page up a little bit. So you just need to alter this value to shift the page up or down. For instance, you can alter -0.30 to like 0.10 to move the page down more by about 0.40 inches.

There are limits to altering these numbers but if you just need just a little overall change this may do the trick. I also don't know what these alterations will do to the rest of your document so use these alterations at your own risk.

Sincerely yours,

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