Welcome to the Identity Guidelines for Harvard University

This guide is a resource for designers, vendors, and anyone who is visually representing Harvard University—whether online, in print, or in person. These guidelines are primarily for use by Central Administration and Faculty of Arts and Sciences departments.

Why does Harvard University need identity guidelines?

The graphic elements we use to represent Harvard enable us to establish and maintain a clear, unified University identity, both within the Harvard community and beyond. We developed these to both improve consistency and reduce costs associated with units having to develop their own marks.

If you have any questions about the guidelines or the specifics, please contact Harvard Public Affairs & Communications at identityguidelines@harvard.edu.
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INTRODUCTION
IMPORTANCE OF A GRAPHIC IDENTITY

Harvard competes with academic institutions across the nation and around the globe. Given this dynamic environment, it is important for us to express a single, compelling voice in everything we do.

The totality of the graphic elements, visuals, and words we use to describe Harvard will enable us to establish and maintain a clear, unified university identity, both within the Harvard community and beyond.

This manual provides general guidelines for the visual articulation of the Harvard graphic identity, as well as specific direction for the application of our updated signatures and related elements.

We recommend that you refer to this guide whenever you develop communications materials.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions or need assistance developing communications materials, please email identityguidelines@harvard.edu.

For questions about the licensing or use of Harvard’s trademarks on merchandise, the unauthorized use by others or the protection of Harvard’s marks, or the use of any of Harvard’s trademarks, including the Harvard wordmark or shield, in any manner other than prescribed in this graphic manual, please contact:

Harvard Trademark Program
trademark_program@harvard.edu
trademark.harvard.edu
(617) 495-9513
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DEFINITIONS

This chapter outlines the use of a few different graphic elements. This includes:

**Signature**: A signature represents the wordmark and shield when they are used together.

**Wordmark**: A wordmark is when Harvard/Harvard University are used in conjunction with an extension (such as the Faculty of Arts and Sciences).

**Shield**: The shield refers to the Veritas shield.

**WORDMARK VS SIGNATURE**

When a Central Administration department includes "University" in its official name, the alternate-use or "University" signature system may be used. The alternate presentation incorporates "Harvard University" into the signature, as well as one or two levels of office information, depending on the signature orientation. In some cases, where brevity and design necessitate, a sub-institution of significant stature (i.e., Harvard Library or Harvard College) may substitute their institution for "University," provided the institution follows a similar naming construct.

Extension signatures indicate an office, group, or department within Harvard University. These signatures are built upon the Harvard wordmark, within a structure for primary and secondary information. It is important to note that the primary signature system is preferred, and the alternate signature system should only be used after first exploring the primary system as there are limitations to the alternate system.

**Usage:**

- The Harvard wordmark should be present on all official, departmental Harvard communications
- Treat the wordmark as artwork, not as typography
- It may not be manually altered, except for proportionally in size/scale
- Use original artwork only and do not try to replicate
These elements (shield and wordmark) make up the signature

- **Shield**
- **University Wordmark**
  - do not use without the shield

**University Signatures**

- Best for signage & business cards
- Best for website & header/footers
SIGNATURE ELEMENTS

Harvard wordmark
for use on mobile

HARVARD

EXTENSIONS:
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

OFFICE FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS

signatures - large shield

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Best for web use

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

OFFICE FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS

signatures - small shield

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

OFFICE FOR FACULTY AFFAIRS

To obtain small shield signatures, please email
identityguidelines@harvard.edu
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VERITAS SHIELD: ARTWORK

The Veritas shield should be used in combination with Harvard/Harvard University wordmarks and related signatures. It is a central element of the University’s graphic identity, and should not simply be treated as a dingbat or afterthought.

The Veritas shield may not be altered nor may appendages be added to it.

A clear zone of “B” (b = shield height) around the shield will give it the room it needs to stand out.
VERITAS SHIELD: COLOR AND GREYSCALE

Whenever possible, the Veritas shield should be represented in its original color combination of Harvard crimson, black, and white. These values should never be altered. The shield may be displayed in black and white if necessary. In reproducing Harvard University colors for print, recognize the recommended mixes herein serve as a starting point. Proof against a printed Pantone chip and adjust mixes for best match.

IN GENERAL:
• The shield should be used in its original form, and not be outlined or used in reverse
• Whenever possible, the shield should not be applied against a crimson background

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crimson

PMS  187U
PMS  1807C
CMYK  C-7 M-94 Y-65 K-25
HEX#  A51C30
RGB  R-165 G-28 B-48

ink

PMS  PROCESS BLACK U
PMS  PROCESS BLACK C
CMYK:  C-0 M-0 Y-0 K-100
HEX#  #1E1E1E
RGB:  R-30 G-30 B-30
VERITAS SHIELD: ADORNED

The Veritas shield with wreath and banner, which is also known as the adorned Veritas shield, is used by the University for commemorative purposes, for other official University functions and purposes where the University is being represented as a whole, and by offices that represent the senior-level leadership of the University, such as the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, and other comparable offices. Please contact identityguidelines@harvard.edu for permission before using.
UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE ARTWORK

Please **DO NOT** add the shield to the University wordmark manually. Use provided artwork instead. Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files. Treat the wordmark as artwork, not as typography.
UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE: REVERSE

REVERSE
Please use the Veritas shield in its original form; do not attempt to add a white outline to the shield. Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files with white text.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE: PLACEMENT

GIVE THE SIGNATURE ITS OWN SPACE
The University signature should be treated as artwork and the space between the shield and wordmark should never be manually adjusted.

A clear zone of “B” around the signature will give it the room it needs to stand out.
UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE: WITH EXTENSION

Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Office of the President

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Office of the President
UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE: SMALL SPACE SOLUTIONS

Additional applications of the approved University signature have been provided to accommodate small space use occasions. This includes a horizontal version with an enlarged Veritas shield and a treatment of the University signature on one line for more extreme horizontal applications. Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files.
SIGNATURE ELEMENTS
**INTRODUCTION**

The central identity elements (Veritas shield, Harvard wordmark) are the building blocks for additional signatures used across Central Administration offices and schools.

**In a Central Administration signature there are two layers:**
1. Harvard or Harvard University
2. School or primary office affiliation

**In a FAS or School signature there are three layers:**
1. Harvard or Harvard University
2. School
3. Primary office affiliation

There may occasionally be a secondary office affiliation for Central Administration, but generally we do not encourage this. In the case of multiple layers, consider separating the School or office as a headline, instead of incorporating within the signature.
HARVARD SIGNATURE ELEMENTS

The combination of the Harvard wordmark and shield is the Harvard signature.

The Harvard signature is the common thread across Harvard communications. It serves as the basis upon which all additional graphic identity elements are added. Deliberate, consistent placement of the wordmark will establish Harvard’s name and institutional credence without distracting from your message.

- The Harvard wordmark must be present on all Harvard communications.
- Treat the wordmark as artwork, not as typography.
- It may not be manually altered, except for proportionally in size/scale.
- Use original artwork only and do not try to replicate.

The following elements should be used in signatures when black and white variations are necessary.

- The shield should be used in its original form and not be outlined or used in reverse
- **The shield and Harvard should not be used alone and should always have extension**

**avoid outlining the shield**

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[Harvard Signature Image]
Signature Elements: Extensions Overview

Primary Extensions
Primary extensions refer to the Central Administration offices and Schools. The primary extension is set in Anziano Pro Roman for horizontal signatures and Anziano Pro Roman, small caps, for vertical signatures.

B. Horizontal Signatures

A. Vertical Signatures

Secondary Extensions
Secondary extensions refer to an office, department, or program within the aforementioned primary extension. They are set in Benton Sans medium, small caps.

A. Horizontal Signatures

B. Vertical Signatures

Use only large shield for vertical signatures with secondary extensions.
Whenever possible, the wordmarks should be typeset by a design professional. They should not be manually typed. If this is not possible, please follow the below guidelines:

- Begin with the Harvard wordmark. This should never be manually adjusted, as it is artwork.
- The extension should be set in Anziano Pro regular.
- The extension should be left aligned under the Harvard wordmark.
- The extension should be tracked in to avoid overly open letter spacing.

When the extension is longer than 2 times the width of the Harvard wordmark, as seen below, it must be minimized to fit within the 2 times guidelines. The distance between the Harvard wordmark and extension should remain consistent with the above guidelines.
HORIZONTAL WORDMARK:
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EXTENSIONS

- The primary extension should be set in Anziano Pro.
- The secondary extension should be set in Benton Sans, medium small caps.
- The wordmark "Harvard" should not be used alone and should always have the shield and at least one extension.
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HORIZONTAL LARGE AND SMALL SHIELD SIGNATURES

LARGE SHIELD:

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

horizontal wordmark

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

horizontal wordmark, with secondary extension

SMALL SHIELD:

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

horizontal wordmark, with primary extension

HARVARD
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

horizontal wordmark, with secondary extension
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VERTICAL LARGE SHIELD SIGNATURE:
PRIMARY EXTENSION
Whenever possible, the wordmarks should be typeset by a design professional. They should not be manually typed. If this is not possible, please follow the below guidelines:

• Begin with the Harvard wordmark. This should never be manually adjusted, as it is artwork.
• The extension should be set in Anziano Pro, small caps regular.
• The extension should be perfectly centered under the Harvard wordmark.
• The extension should be tracked in to avoid overly open letter spacing.
• The wordmark should not be used alone and should always have the shield and extension.

HARVARD

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

When the extension is greater than 1.5 times the width of the word Harvard, it must be minimized to fit within 1.5 times the width of Harvard. The distance between the Harvard wordmark and extension should remain consistent with the above guidelines.
VERTICAL LARGE SHIELD SIGNATURE: PRIMARY EXTENSION

Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files.

A clear zone of “B” (b = height of the "H") around the signature will give it the room it needs to stand out.
A clear zone of “B” (b = height of the “H”) around the signature will give it the room it needs to stand out.
VERTICAL SMALL SHIELD SIGNATURE

Your Harvard University contact can help obtain the appropriate logo files.

A clear zone of \( B \) (\( b = \text{height of the "H"} \)) around the signature will give it the room it needs to stand out.
UNIVERSITY SEAL

The President and Fellows of Harvard College have a seal, which is to be used only by the Corporation for its official documents. The seal is not to be used as a design or a graphic element, nor as a decoration. Questions about the seal may be directed to the Assistant Secretary of the Corporation ogb@harvard.edu.
TYPOGRAPHY
Typography: Working With Type

Font selection is a key component in the creation of successful communications. Typography should work in concert with the overall design, photography, and editorial writing to help describe and define the Harvard graphic identity. Since our intention is to depict Harvard as a unified, global institution, representing a tradition of academic excellence, choosing the right style of type is critical. There are many fonts available, but generally we recommend that you:

- Use clean and classic faces, with a preference for sans-serif fonts.
- Don’t use fonts that are overly stylized.
- Don’t use Harvard crimson for text color.
- Don’t use type with drop shadows.
- Don’t stretch type. Always scale proportionally.
- Don’t outline type.
- Avoid condensing, excessive tracking, or horizontal scaling.
- Use italicized styles sparingly.
- Avoid using more than two different fonts in one piece of communications.
**TYPOGRAPHY: WEB FONTS**

*Font Licensing:*
Harvard licensed fonts are for print media only and not for web use. Fonts for web use require an extended license. Please contact the below to obtain a web license.

Anziano and Benton Sans are licensed through FontShop
Tel: 415.252.1003
www.fontshop.com
info@fontshop.com

*Restrictions*
Harvard licensed fonts are for staff only and cannot be shared. One license is granted per computer.

*Recommended System Fonts*
We encourage the use of non-licensed, system fonts whenever possible. Please see the recommended system fonts below.

*System fonts - body copy and headers - sans serif and serif*

- Arial Regular
- Arial Italic
- Arial Bold
- Arial Bold Italic
- Georgia Regular
- Georgia Italic
- Georgia Bold
- Georgia Bold Italic
**TYPOGRAPHY: PRIMARY TYPEFACE FOR SIGNATURES**

**ANZIANO PRO**

Anziano is Harvard’s primary typeface and should be used for the secondary level in wordmarks as well for headlines in communications materials. It is a transitional style font which features a flat apex on its letters “A” and “V” among others, furthering its resemblance to the engraved Roman style it was based on. Anziano bears some resemblance to the font Albertus but has a softer curve to its serifs. Anziano features a short foot on its serifs—more so than other serif fonts in this classification. Anziano is derived from a Roman engraved style of font and thus uses less contrast in its stroke weights. Each of the three weights available for Anziano Pro are represented below.

**ANZIANO PRO REGULAR**

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890!@#$%^&*()?+=
123456789
```

**ANZIANO PRO ITALIC**

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890!@#$%^&*()?+=
123456789
```

**ANZIANO PRO BOLD**

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
1234567890!@#$%^&*()?+=
123456789
```
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TYPOGRAPHY: SECONDARY TYPEFACE FOR SIGNATURES

BENTON SANS
Benton Sans Medium should be used as the supporting typeface of Anziano Pro when tertiary information is used. It should NOT be used as the primary font. Each of the weights available for Benton Sans are represented below.

BENTON SANS
Benton Sans Regular
Benton Sans Medium
Benton Sans Bold

BENTON SANS ITALIC
Benton Sans Regular
Benton Sans Medium
Benton Sans Bold
**TYPOGRAPHY: TYPEFACES FOR GENERAL USE**

System fonts - body copy and headers - sans serif and serif

- Arial Regular
- *Arial Italic*
- Arial Bold
- *Arial Bold Italic*
- Georgia Regular
- *Georgia Italic*
- Georgia Bold
- *Georgia Bold Italic*

print - body copy and headers - serif

- Caslon Regular
- *Caslon Italic*
- Caslon Bold
- *Caslon Bold Italic*
- Garamond Regular
- *Garamond Italic*
- Garamond Bold
- *Garamond Bold Italic*

Shelley script is recommended as a decorative font.

- *Shelley Allegro*
- Shelley Andante
- Shelley Volante
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COLOR PALETTE: HARVARD CRIMSON

Color Matching
In reproducing Harvard University colors for print and/or on-screen viewing, recognize the recommended mixes herein serve as a starting point. Proof against a printed Pantone chip, adjusting mixes for best match.

Harvard Crimson
Whenever possible, the Veritas shield should appear in the Harvard crimson. It should never be represented in any other colors. Use only the officially designated shades and always insist upon accurate color matching, as poorly matched colors will weaken the impact and effectiveness of our graphic identity.

CRIMSON

PMS  187U
PMS  1807C
CMYK:  C-7  M-94  Y-65  K-25
HEX#:  A51C30
RGB:   R-165  G-28  B-48
A core palette has been defined to provide a neutral field against which the crimson can live.

**INK**
- PMS: PROCESS BLACK U
- PMS: PROCESS BLACK C
- CMYK: C-0 M-0 Y-0 K-100
- HEX#: 1E1E1E
- RGB: R-30 G-30 B-30

**SLATE**
- PMS: 7544 U
- PMS: 7544 C
- CMYK: C-33 M-15 Y-14 K-17
- HEX#: 8996A0
- RGB: R-137 G-150 B-160

**MORTAR**
- PMS: WARM GRAY 8 U
- PMS: WARM GRAY 8 C
- CMYK: C-16 M-23 Y-23 K-44
- HEX#: 8C8179
- RGB: R-140 G-129 B-121

**SHADE**
- PMS: 7542 U
- PMS: 7542 C
- CMYK: C-21 M-0 Y-6 K-20
- HEX#: BAC5C6
- RGB: R-186 G-197 B-198

**PARCHMENT**
- PMS: COOL GRAY 1 U
- PMS: COOL GRAY 1 C
- CMYK: C-3 M-2 Y-5 K-5
- HEX#: F3F3F1
- RGB: R-243 G-243 B-241
ACCENT COLOR PALETTE
An accent color palette has been defined for highlighting.

INDIGO
PMS 540U
PMS 533C
CMYK: C-100 M-83 Y-46 K-13
HEX# 293352
RGB: R-41 G-51 B-82

IVY
PMS 363U
PMS 363C
CMYK: C-68 M-0 Y-100 K-24
HEX# 52854C
RGB: R-82 G-133 B-76

SAFFRON
PMS 1595U
PMS 1595C
CMYK: C-0 M-59 Y-100 K-5
HEX# D16103
RGB: R-209 G-97 B-3

BLUEBONNET
PMS 2727 U
PMS 2727 C
CMYK: C-71 M-42 Y-0 K-0
HEX# 4E84C4
RGB: R-78 G-132 B-196

PEAR
PMS 578U
PMS 578C
CMYK: C-20 M-0 Y-40 K-6
HEX# C3D7A4
RGB: R-195 G-215 B-164

GOLD
PMS 125U
PMS 125C
CMYK: C-0 M-26 Y-100 K-26
HEX# C4961A
RGB: R-196 G-150 B-26

LEMON
PMS 120U
PMS 120C
CMYK: C-0 M-9 Y-58 K-0
HEX# FFDB6D
RGB: R-255 G-219 B-109

CREME
PMS 7499U
PMS 7499C
CMYK: C-0 M-2 Y-15 K-0
HEX# F4EDCA
RGB: R-244 G-237 B-202

*COMMEMORATIVE WREATH
UNIVERSITY STATIONERY
The stationery system is Harvard’s most widely used communications tool. Its components, both individually and as a whole, are designed to create a coherent graphic identity through consistent use. Therefore, stationery should not be altered in any way.

The stationery system features the University and Harvard signatures and is printed in two colors, Harvard crimson and black. Unless otherwise noted, all stationery items are printed on a bright white sheet.

**Procurement Site**

The procurement site (www.procurement.harvard.edu) is a resource meant to assist in purchasing goods and services from the University’s preferred and contracted vendors. Using these resources may result in significant cost savings and may also support Harvard’s effort to become a more environmentally sensitive institution.

BFS Daniels is a print vendor which handles the printing of Harvard stationery and business cards. Here is their contact information:

**BFS Daniels**

12 Channel St., 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02210
P: 617.267.8899
E: info@bfsdaniels.com

**Print Center**

Charlie Amaru
Strategic Account Executive
camaru@bfsdaniels.com
P: 617-593-3415

Martha Lewitt
mlewitt@bfsdaniels.com
P: 617-869-9102
UNIVERSITY BUSINESS CARD

VERTICAL TREATMENT RECOMMENDED

• Has ability to accommodate longer/multiple titles
• Makes individual name/title more primary

Proportional numbers should be used on business papers and business cards, and not old-style numbers which are also available in Anziano. To set using InDesign, go to Open Type > Proportional lining.

Recommended

Alternate
UNIVERSITY LETTERHEAD

[Image of Harvard University letterhead]
UNIVERSITY ENVELOPE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Massachusetts Hall
Cambridge, MA 02138
MERCHANDISE
MERCHANDISE

Any Harvard unit that wants to have items produced bearing any of Harvard’s trademarks (names and/or signatures) must contact the Trademark Program at trademark_program@harvard.edu or (617) 495-9513 before ordering such items. The Trademark Program will provide guidance on how Harvard’s marks may be used, information about official University licensees, appropriate forms to be completed by the requesting Harvard unit, and will determine if the items being ordered qualify for royalty exemption. For further information please visit the Trademark Program’s website at www.trademark.harvard.edu. A valuable resource which answers frequently asked questions is http://trademark.harvard.edu/faq.

UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES

The Harvard University wordmark may be used to in combination with other University initiatives, but the wordmark itself may not be altered. Please see the Signatures section of this manual for guidance on creating a secondary signature for University initiatives.
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DUAL SHIELD GUIDELINES

Dual shields may only be used when given permission from Harvard Public Affairs & Communications, in consultation with the Trademark Program, for those programs or organizations common to two separate schools.

- The guidelines set for creating signatures should be followed
- Always place Veritas shield first.
- When using vertical format, the shields must always be small, never large.