

Brand Guide

Introduction

The University of North Carolina System is committed to maintaining a consistent brand. We strive to prepare communications that are engaging, accurate, timely, and relevant to our many audiences.

To accomplish this, the University of North Carolina System Office has developed this Brand Guide to assist with maintaining visual standards of the UNC System. This guide is a complement to the UNC System Style Guide, which assists those writing on the UNC System's behalf to promote consistent messages.

The UNC System Brand Guide applies to all internal and external communications released by the UNC System Office, including, but not limited to, newsletters, reports for publication, presentations, website development, social media, and professional correspondence. The standards presented here should be consistently applied in every form of communication representing the System.

What is a brand?

A brand is more than just a logo, fonts, or colors. It defines who we are, what we say, how we see ourselves, and how we want other people to think about the University of North Carolina System.

Our goal is simple: to represent the UNC System as a leader in the areas of instruction, research, outreach, and service to North Carolina. We can accomplish this goal most effectively through consistent branding and messaging that represent a strong and diverse System.

Contact Communications at commshelp@northcarolina.edu with any brand-related questions.



Logo Use and Placement

The University of North Carolina System logo is for use on all visual communication materials officially recognized by or associated with the UNC System.

Logo Use

UNC System logos can and should be used by all staff regularly on work products. Employees may download the logo suite and appropriate templates from the Branding Resources app on the UNC System Intranet.

Staff should not distribute the logo for use outside of the UNC System. If an outside entity requests the logo (including business associates or vendors), please forward the request to Communications for approval. If use is approved and does not imply endorsement of an external entity, Communications will provide the correct file type based on printing or electronic media needs.

Logo Placement

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The UNC System logo should always be placed in the upper left corner of the page. If the upper left corner is not available, the top center is the second most preferred location for proper placement. When placing the UNC System logo with other logos, placement will depend greatly on available space.

If the other logos are affiliated with the UNC System, the System logo should be at the top of the page and/or first line in from the left, above all other logos. If other logos represent organizations not affiliated with the UNC System, then the UNC System logo may be placed anywhere on the page, if it is not overlapping, touching, or being covered by another image.

Regardless of placement, the UNC System logo should have equal space all the way around its edges.

Did you know?

The 17 edges of the custom state shape represent the 17 institutions within the UNC System.



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Primary Logo

The horizontal logo format is preferred and should be used for most print and electronic media. This version of the logo features the state shape to the left of the wordmark. The one color or reversed versions of the logo should be used only when necessary.

Full Color



One Color



One Color - Black



One Color - Reversed



Clear Space

To ensure proper clear space around the logo for legibility and prominence, all photos, text, and graphic elements must follow the guidelines illustrated here. Use the height of the state shape within the logo (as shown) to help maintain proper clearance.



Minimum Size

To maintain full legibility, never reproduce the logo at widths smaller than two inches (for print) or 144 pixels (for screen).



Secondary Logos

These secondary marks can be used in either less formal settings, or any instance in which the primary mark will not fit in the space allowed. These marks should never appear on the same page as the primary logo.



Initiative Logos

The following format should be replicated when customizing the logo for any UNC System initiatives, such as NC Promise or UNC Lab Schools.



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Logo Restrictions

It is important that we remain consistent in how we present our logo. Shown here are some common misinterpretations, which we can avoid by never altering or distorting the provided artwork in any way.



Do not remove any portion of the logo.



Do not represent the logo in any other color than what is outlined in these guidelines.



Do not stretch, condense, or change the dimensions of the logo elements.



Do not apply drop shadows or other visual effects to the logo.



Do not reverse out the logo in any other color than white.

Official University Seals

There are two official seals. One represents the University of North Carolina, and the second is the official mark representing the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Use of official seals is restricted to authenticating official UNC System documents, such as UNC Board of Governors awards, citations, actions, and Board or presidential publications.

The UNC Board of Governors seal is reserved for special programs, awards, resolutions, documents, and collateral materials generated by the Board of Governors. The seal is not appropriate for use on documents created by the UNC System staff for Board meetings.



University of North Carolina seal

UNC Board of Governors seal

Neither version of the seal should be used on general documents, advertisements, presentations, posters, promotional items, and websites, nor as a casual logo or decorative element.

University seals may not be used in any other manner or context without written permission.

For assistance, contact **Communications** at **commshelp@northcarolina.edu**.



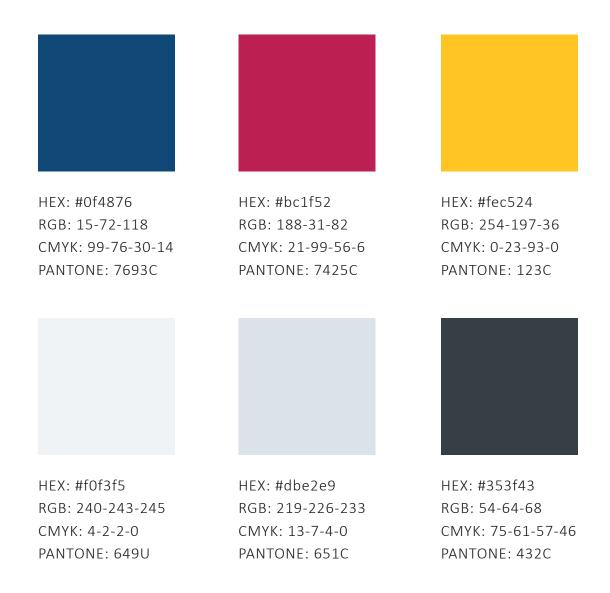
Institution Logos

The primary logos for each UNC System institution are provided below. Employees may download a page and slide with all of these logos from the Branding Resources app on the UNC System Intranet.



Color

The UNC System color palette reflects the state flag and our North Carolina pride. Use these colors **exclusively** to ensure that all communications represent a cohesive brand.



Institution Colors



Typography

Calibri is the primary font for the UNC System Office and should be used on all written communications; 11-point font size and single spacing are preferred for all internal memos.

Templates, located on the Branding Resources app on the UNC System Intranet, allow for versatility when it comes to using text within the brand.

Calibri

Headline, Calibri Subhead, Calibri

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Stationery

The UNC System Office stationery includes letterhead, envelopes, mailing labels, and business cards. Stationery is standard for all divisions and should be used for all official UNC System correspondence. To order printed stationery items or download electronic letterhead, visit the Branding Resources app on the UNC System Intranet.

Printed Stationery

Each division is responsible for making stationery printing orders, including coordinating purchase and payment.

Electronic Stationery

Download the electronic stationery template from the Branding Resources app on the UNC System Intranet. When using electronic stationery, it is best to convert your document on the stationery template to a PDF before attaching it to an email. In addition to ensuring that content is not altered, this will also promote consistent placement of items on the letterhead template.

Email Correspondence

All individuals within the UNC System Office must use the standard email signature in all business electronic correspondence. Your email signature should include your name, title, System Office address, phone number (optional), email address, System web address, and the primary logo. The only other images that may be included in the email signature are the UNC System social media links. Inspirational quotes and other types of information are inappropriate to include. Use Calibri font in 11-point size. A template is available for download in the Branding Resources app.

