

Algonquin College Visual Identity Standards

2024

Welcome to the Algonquin College visual identity

These standards provide the Algonquin College Marketing and Recruitment Department and affiliates, as well as external contractors, with technical information and guidance to visually implement the brand.

However, the entire Algonquin College community has a role to play in encouraging consistent brand application to help tell our story.

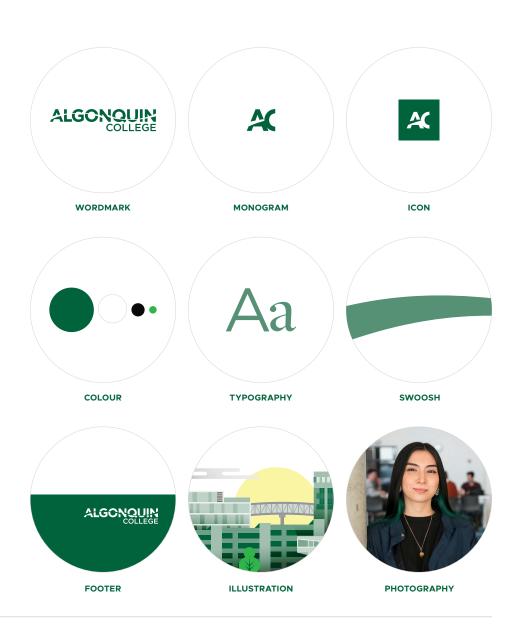




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1.0Logotypes& Marks

5 1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.1 | THE WORDMARK

1.1

The Wordmark

The wordmark is our primary logo and the cornerstone of our visual identity. It should always be given a place of importance, away from other visual elements, including text. It should never appear small, crowded or boxed in.





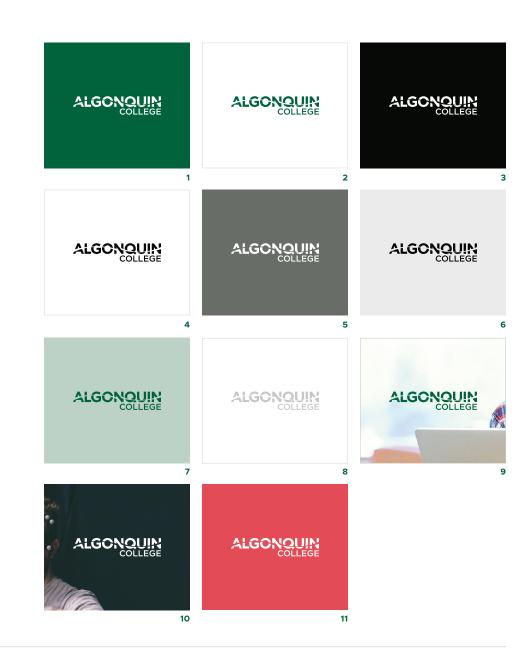
1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.1 | THE WORDMARK

ACCEPTABLE COLOUR USE

The following standards for colour of the wordmark apply to the entire family of logotypes and marks.



- 1-7: use these preferred colour combinations
- 8: use in tones of light grey if absolutely necessary
- 9: use Algonquin Green on light-coloured field
- **10-11:** use white when the background is textured or when not using colours from the primary palette



7 1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.1 | THE WORDMARK

UNACCEPTABLE LOGO USE

The following standards for use of the wordmark apply to the entire family of logotypes and marks.

X DO NOT...

- 1: create or recreate new or modified versions
- 2: use New Growth Green or more than one colour
- **3:** distort the shape or resize disproportionately
- 4: change the angle of orientation
- **5:** fill with images or patterns
- **6:** obstruct
- 7: apply any gradients
- 8-9: add effects, such as bevel, emboss or drop shadows
- 10: create a repeated pattern or wallpaper effect
 - * May be used in specific cases. Consult with the AC Marketing and Recruitment Department for proper usage.
- 11: use outlines or strokes to improve visibility
- 12: overlay over patterns or busy areas of a photo





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EXCLUSION ZONE

The wordmark exclusion zone is based on the height of its letter "A" to ensure it's not overwhelmed by other elements. Use the following diagram to calculate the minimum amount of space that should surround the logo at all times.



MINIMUM SPACE

The clear space surrounding the wordmark should be at least the height of the "A" at whatever size it's displayed.

SIZING

The wordmark holds up well at small sizes. In spite of this, it's never reduced below this minimum size to maintain legibility. Always use caution when scaling down the logo.



MINIMUM WIDTH

The wordmark should never appear at less than 1 inch in print and 72 pixels on screen.

9 1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.1 | THE WORDMARK

EXAMPLES OF PLACEMENT

The placement of the wordmark on material is flexible, depending on the size and function of the marketing collateral.

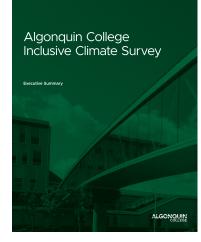
The wordmark should always be aligned with the artboard margins unless being used in the middle of an artboard.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Consider visibility when choosing placement of the wordmark. If a banner needs to be seen from across a room, for example, top right corner placement is advantageous.
- Unless in use as a profile picture or the like, the wordmark should never be the most prominent item of a design.



PROFILE PICTURE



REPORT COVER



FACT SHEET





STAND-UP BANNER



DIGITAL AD





1.2

The Monogram

The monogram is a unique and simple signifier for the College. Because of its simplicity, it's more versatile than the wordmark, making it useful in small or limited-space applications or as a graphic ornament for various designs.

PLEASE NOTE:

 The monogram follows all colour and use specifications assigned to the wordmark. See pages 6 and 7 for more details.



1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.2 | THE MONOGRAM

EXCLUSION ZONE

The monogram exclusion zone is based on half its size and ensures it's not overwhelmed by any other elements. Use the following diagram to calculate the minimum amount of space that should surround the monogram at all times.



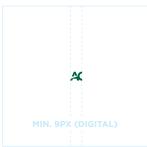
MINIMUM SPACE

The clear space around the monogram should be at least 50% of its own height at whatever size it's being displayed.

SIZING

The wordmark holds up well at small sizes. In spite of this, it's never reduced below this minimum size to maintain legibility. Always use caution when scaling down the logo.





MINIMUM WIDTH

The monogram should never appear at less than 0.25 inches in print and 9 pixels on screen.



COMBINING THE WORDMARK AND THE MONOGRAM

The monogram is a graphic reinforcement of the Algonquin College brand. With the exception of merchandise and internal environmental branding, it should never be used on a design without the presence of the wordmark.

However, the monogram should never be used alongside the wordmark to create a new logo.

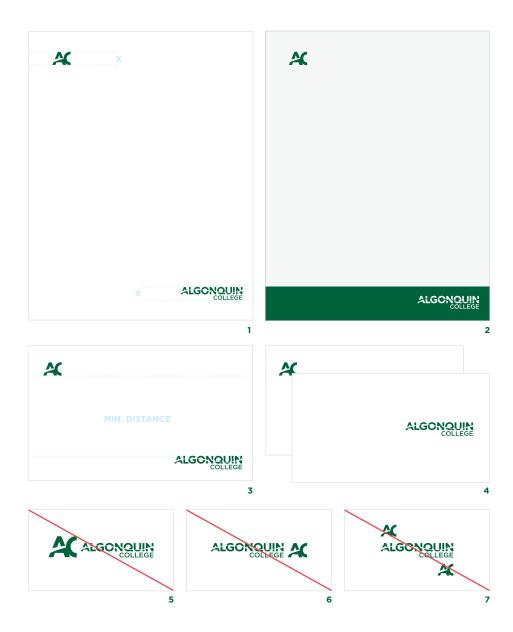
✓ DO...

- 1: aim to keep the size of the icon and wordmark similar.

 One should not be more prominent than the other
- **1-4:** make use of the logo as a supporting graphic element in a design where the wordmark is also present
- 3: use a sizable gap distance when using the icon and wordmark in the same design (use discretion)
- **4:** use the icon on a different side of the wordmark in a single piece

X DO NOT...

• **5-7:** lock up the icon with the wordmark in any way, even if meeting minimum space requirements for the individual items



1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.3 | THE ICON

1.3

The Icon

The icon is a graphic element developed from the monogram as a signature piece for use primarily in the digital realm.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The icon should never be (re)created. Use the available artwork in every case.
- A reverse version of the icon exists for use on dark backgrounds where legibility is compromised.





CONSTRUCTION

The icon is built by placing the monogram inside a square, adhering to the below parameters. The icon should never be recreated. Prepared files are available for download.



CENTRING THE MONOGRAM

While the monogram is mathematically centred on its vertical axis (distance X), it uses a different distance from the left (Y) than the right (Z). This is to compensate for the slant of the A, visually centring the monogram in the square.

SIZING THE MONOGRAM

The monogram is sized at 56% of the width of the square in which it's placed.

REVERSE VERSION

The squared icon isn't "punched out". The monogram inside the square should always remain fully opaque, either in white or in green in the case of the reverse version.





1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.3 | THE ICON

EXCLUSION ZONE

The icon exclusion zone is based on the right-side padding of the square. The space ensures that the icon isn't overwhelmed by any other elements. Use the following diagram to calculate the minimum amount of space that should surround the icon at all times.



MINIMUM SPACE

The clear space around the icon should always match the distance between the right edge of the monogram and the right edge of the square.

SIZING

The wordmark holds up well at small sizes. In spite of this, it's never reduced below this minimum size to maintain legibility. Always use caution when scaling down the logo.



MINIMUM WIDTH

The icon should never appear at less than 0.2 inches in print and 16 pixels on screen.



ICON PLACEMENT

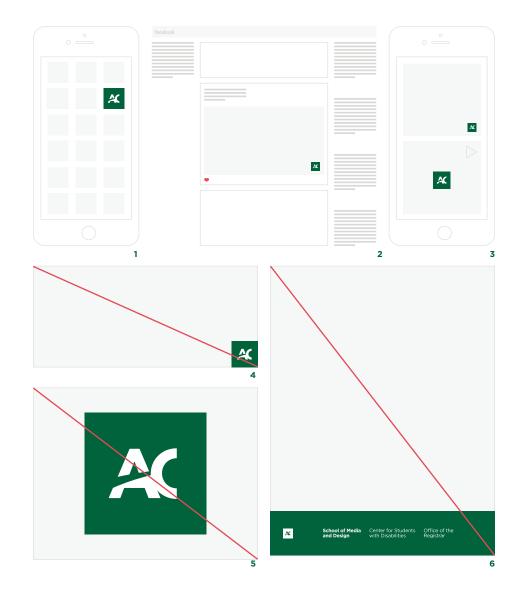
Use the icon as a signature on digital material such as photography or social media posts.

✓ DO...

- 1: use the icon as an app home button
- **2, 3:** position the icon at the bottom right corner of an image if using as a signature
- **3:** position the icon in the middle of the screen if using as a bumper at the end of a video

X DO NOT...

- 4: place the icon on the edge of an image without any padding
- **5:** use the icon as the most prominent item in a design
- **6:** replace the wordmark for the icon



1.0 | LOGOTYPES & MARKS 1.4 | THE COAT OF ARMS

1.4

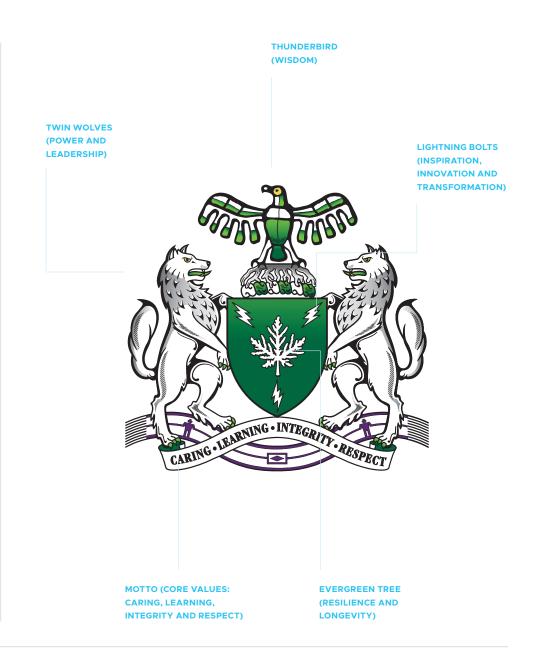
The Coat of Arms

Algonquin College applied to the Canadian Heraldic Authority for a grant for a coat of arms, flags and a badge to mark the College's 50th anniversary in 2017.

Our armorial bearings are steeped in symbolism, reflecting Indigenous and Canadian cultures. The creation process for the emblems, led by the Canadian Heraldic Authority's Saguenay Herald, was done in consultation with the College's Aboriginal Education Council and its Mamidosewin Centre, as well as the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nations.

The coat of arms has limited application. Most instances are ceremonial, such as official documents (e.g., diplomas, degrees, certificates, commencement programs), presidential documents (e.g., inaugurations, event invitations) and select merchandise. The coat of arms should not be altered in any way and should be used only with the express consent of the Marketing and Recruitment Department.

Please visit this link to access the **COA Visual Identity:** https://www.algonquincollege.com/acmarketing





2.0 Sub-Brands

2.0 | SUB-BRANDS 2.1 | SUB-BRAND LOGOTYPES

2.1

Sub-Brand Logotypes

Sub-brand logotypes identify the individual units, while demonstrating a connection to the College.

Please see the following page for a preview of all available formats and categories.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Sub-brand logotypes and signatures follow all rules regarding sizing and colouring as set out in the previous chapter.
- All sub-brand logotypes have been pre-created. Do not create or recreate your own sub-brand logotype.
- If you need a new logotype, please visit algonquincollege.com/identity
- All sub-brand logotypes and signatures should adhere to their appropriate font weight as prescribed on the following page.

X DO NOT

 All sub-brand logotypes adhere to a hierarchy. Do not use for products, services, projects, initiatives or events.





SUB-BRAND LOGOTYPE ARRANGEMENTS

2.0 | SUB-BRANDS

A. MAIN CAMPUSES
METROPOLIS BOLD

B. CAMPUSES (REGIONAL)
METROPOLIS REGULAR

C. ACADEMIC SCHOOLS, FACULTIES AND LEARNING ENTERPRISES METROPOLIS BOLD

E. ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
METROPOLIS REGULAR

D. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES METROPOLIS REGULAR

	UNLOCKED		LOCKED WITH WORDMARK - VERTICAL	LOCKED WITH WORDMARK - HORIZONTAL	LOCKED WITH AC ICON
Α.	Pembroke Campus	Pembroke Campus	Pembroke Campus ALGONQUIN COLLEGE	ALGONQUIN Pembroke Campus	Pembroke Campus
В.	Greater Toronto Area		Greater Toronto Area ALGONQUIN COLLEGE	ALGONQUIN Greater Toronto Area	Greater Toronto Area
c.	School of Media & Design	School of Media & Design	School of Media & Design ALGONQUIN COLLEGE	ALGONQUIN School of Media & Design	School of Media & Design
D.	Human Resources	Human Resources	ALGONQUIN COLLEGE Human Resources	ALGONQUIN Human Resources	Human Resources
E.	Energy Management	Energy Management	ALGONQUIN COLLEGE Energy Management	ALGONQUIN Energy Managment	Energy Management

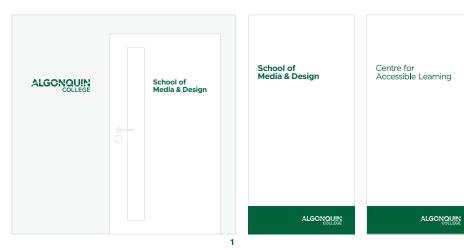
2.0 | SUB-BRANDS 2.1 | SUB-BRAND LOGOTYPES

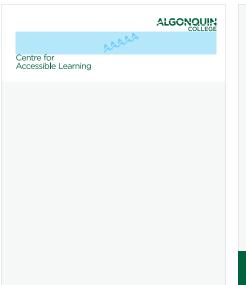
USE OF UNLOCKED LOGOTYPES

Stand-alone logotypes offer additional flexibility and prominence relative to the Algonquin College wordmark.

✓ DO...

- 1: use stand-alone sub-brand logotypes as signage on campus if the wordmark is in close proximity
- **2:** give the sub-brand logotypes prominence in marketing material relative to the wordmark when placed independently
- **3-4:** leave a sizable gap between an unlocked logotype and the wordmark to avoid a mis-represented lockup
- **4:** use the unlocked logotypes in the footer when sponsoring an event with multiple other units









USE OF LOGOTYPES LOCKED WITH AC MONOGRAM

Logotypes locked up with the AC Monogram are ideal for use in areas where limited space is available.

Please visit this link to access the **Algonquin College Merchandise Visual Identity Standards:**https://www.algonquincollege.com/acmarketing

✓ DO...

- 1: use the AC Monogram lockup as signage on campus
- **2:** use the AC Monogram lockup as a signature on merchandise (For full usage standards see AC Merchandise Visual Identity Standards)

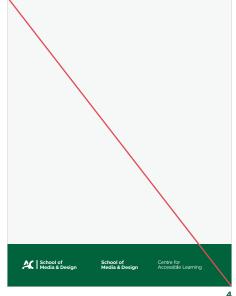
X DO NOT...

 3-4: use the lock up with monogram for external marketing, way-finding or in combination with another Algonquin College logotype









2.0 | SUB-BRANDS 2.1 | SUB-BRAND LOGOTYPES

USE OF LOGOTYPES LOCKED WITH AC WORDMARK

Logotypes locked up with the wordmark are available in both vertical and horizontal formats. The following rules apply to both arrangements:

✓ DO...

• 1: use logotypes locked with the wordmark, alone, in the footer in place of the stand-alone wordmark

X DO NOT...

• **3-5:** use the lock up with wordmark for way-finding or in combination with another Algonquin College logotype





3.0 Graphic Elements

3.1 | THE SWOOSH

3.1

The Swoosh

The swoosh is one of our primary graphic elements. It draws both inspiration and precise dimension from the wordmark. Its consistent application adds recognizability and helps thread our marketing material together. The following pages illustrate its proper application.

The swoosh should never be (re)created. Use the available artwork in every case.





SWOOSH SECTIONS & RESIZING

The swoosh can be used in its entirety or split into halves or thirds for additional flexibility in design.

The swoosh or its sections should never be distorted. They should always be resized proportionately.

* The swoosh graphic element can be used ONLY with the Algonquin College Marketing and Recruitment Department's approval.

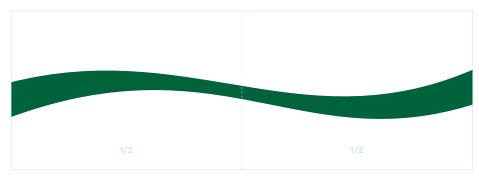
✓ DO...

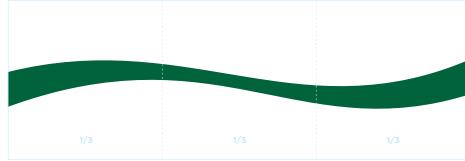
- use the swoosh in its entirety when appropriate
- use sections of the swoosh to create dynamic designs
- resize the swoosh or its sections proportionately

X DO NOT...

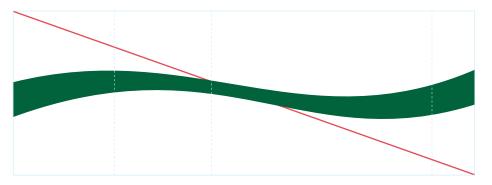
- use arbitrarily selected sections of the swoosh
- stretch or distort the swoosh or its sections

ACCEPTABLE SWOOSH





UNACCEPTABLE SWOOSH SECTIONS



3.1 | THE SWOOSH

ACCEPTABLE SWOOSH COLOUR USE

The swoosh should be used only in tints of Algonquin Green.

The following standards apply:

✓ DO...

- **1-3:** favoured colour combinations
- **4-5:** combine tints of Algonquin Green
- **5-6:** use the swoosh over photography in solid tints
- **7-8:** use a low-opacity swoosh over photography
- 8: allow the swoosh to interact with photography elements
- 9: use the swoosh in tones of light grey if printing black and white

X DO NOT...

- **10:** use the solid swoosh over non-brand colours
- 11-12: use the swoosh in solid white or black





APPLICATION OF THE SWOOSH

When choosing between the swoosh and its sections, take into account available space. The full swoosh is best suited to wide horizontal layouts. Conversely, swoosh sections are better suited to narrow vertical layouts.

The swoosh should never be used in conjunction with the curtain.

✓ DO USE THE SWOOSH...

- 1: as a decorative element in environmental branding
- **2:** as part of a series
- 3: over photography or web material for added recognition
- **3:** as a decorative element on print or digital publications, separate from the footer
- 1-4: spanning the full width of its artboard, including when the medium is folded (e.g., a book cover)

X DO NOT USE THE SWOOSH...

- **5:** on the same page or area as the curtain
- 5: without spanning the full width of the artboard



3.0 | GRAPHIC ELEMENTS 3.2 | THE FOOTER

3.2

The Footer

Created as a signature for branded material, the footer is a key element present in most internal and external advertising material.

On marketing material, the full wordmark should always be present in the footer. In this example, the wordmark is right-aligned. The wordmark may also be right-aligned, and rarely, but occasionally centre-aligned when working within a narrow medium.

PLEASE NOTE:

• The footer should always be laid out on top of other design elements (such as photos).





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FOOTER POSITIONING & SIZING

The footer must always stretch across the full width or height of its artboard, depending on its orientation. As a general rule of thumb, vertical layouts should use a bottom-aligned footer, while horizontal layouts should use a right-aligned footer.

The footer can grow or shrink to best suit the content within but should never be larger than 25% of the height or width of its artboard. It's a supporting element and should not distract from the main message.

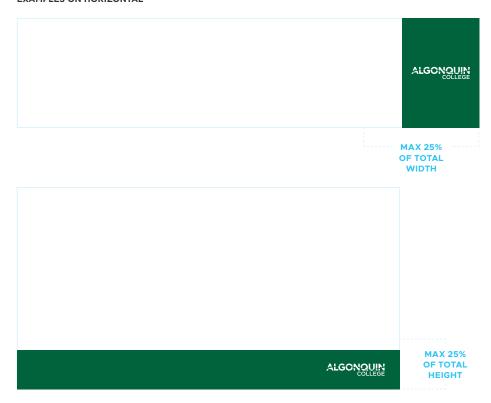
X DO NOT...

allow the footer to take up more than 25% of the artboard width/height

EXAMPLES ON VERTICAL



EXAMPLES ON HORIZONTAL



3.0 | GRAPHIC ELEMENTS 3.2 | THE FOOTER

CONTENT IN THE FOOTER

The footer can be used to feature key information, such as event sponsors or date/time and URLs. Content should be kept minimal, tidy and uncluttered.

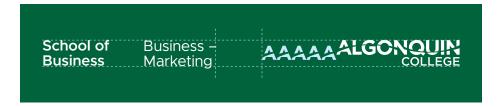
✓ DO...

- · centre the wordmark vertically on the footer when possible
- align the wordmark to the right- page margin
- align any content to the top of the wordmark
- match scale of the content to the size of the wordmark
- keep a minimum distance equal to the width of five "A"s between the wordmark and any other information
- ensure partner logos don't overshadow the wordmark

X DO NOT...

clutter the footer with excessive information

EXAMPLES OR APPROPRIATE FOOTER USE



Saturday, June 23 @ 4:00pm Student Commons



Saturday, June 23 @ 4:00pm Student Commons

School of Business

Business -Marketing











3.3

White Space

We refer to the unprinted areas of a layout that have been intentionally left blank as "white space". This white space is an integral part of our visual language. It increases clarity and legibility and helps differentiate us from competitors.

White space isn't necessarily white in colour. It simply refers to the area of a design with no elements of text and image present.



AMPLE WHITE SPACE

Algonquin College algonquincollege.com 1385 Woodwoffe Avenue Ottawa, ON K2G IV8 Canada CANADA
POSTES
CANADA
Postage paid
Port payé
Lettermail
Poste-lettres

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Hey, Someone with a long name

123 Livehere Avenue Ottawa ON K2G 1V8 Canada

We've got BIG News!!

Life is about to change.

ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

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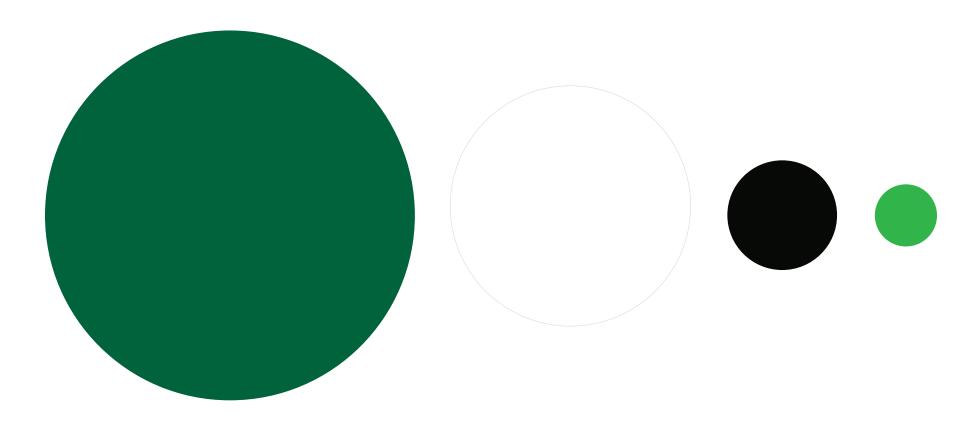
4.0 Colours



4.1

Colour Palette

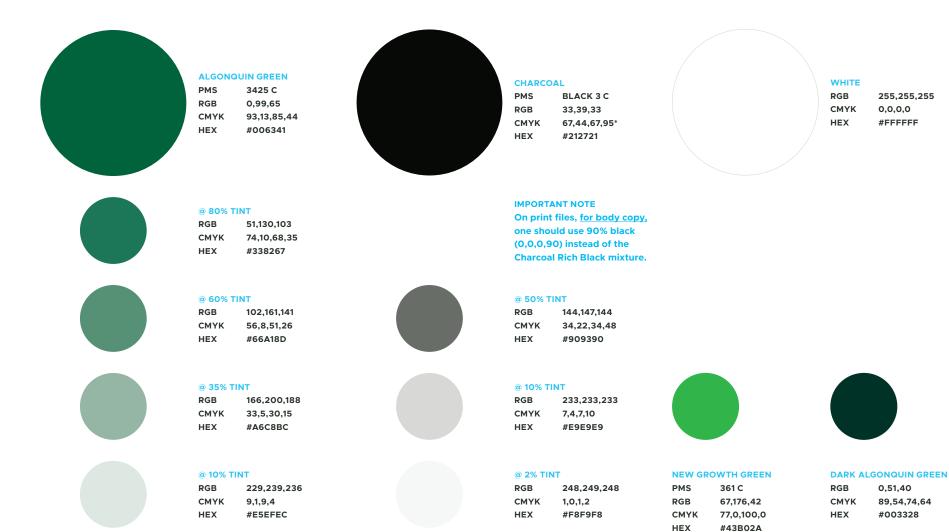
Algonquin College is, first and foremost, green. It's a colour that's strongly associated with the College and a powerful element in the way we express our visual identity.



35 4.0 | COLOURS 4.1 | COLOUR PALETTE

VALUES AND TINTS

While a full range of primary colour tints is available, the following are suggested and most commonly used.





0,51,40

#003328

89,54,74,64

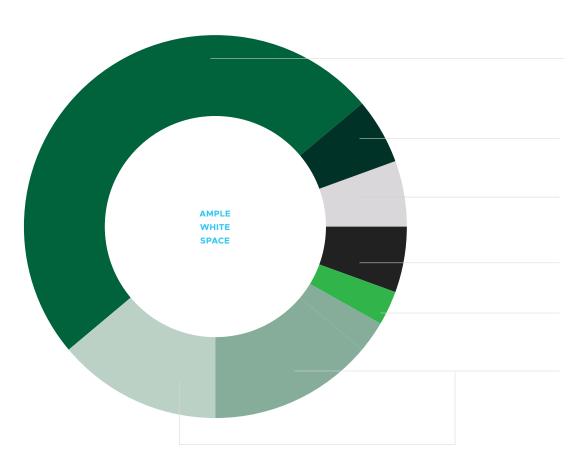
255,255,255

0,0,0,0

#FFFFFF

COLOUR DISTRIBUTION

To maintain a consistent aesthetic, it's important to distribute colours according to a spectrum that corresponds to our brand. Use the colour wheel below to determine colour prominence in design.



USE ALGONQUIN GREEN PRIMARILY

For headlines, flat background areas, image gradient maps and as a main colour in graphics and illustrations.

USE DARK ALGONQUIN GREEN SPARINGLY

For flat backgrounds areas, image gradient maps and heavily dark accents on illustrations.

USE LIGHT TINTS OF CHARCOAL SPARINGLY

For separation, lines and other subtle elements of the design.

USE CHARCOAL SPARINGLY

For text and heavily dark accents on illustrations.

USE NEW GROWTH GREEN SPARINGLY

To be approved by AC Marketing Department.

USE MID-RANGE TINTS OF ALGONQUIN GREEN

For added contrast and separation in all design elements: text, graphics or illustrations.

4.0 | COLOURS 4.1 | COLOUR PALETTE

COMBINING COLOURS

Adhere to the following standards to achieve consistent and pleasant colour combinations on all our marketing material.

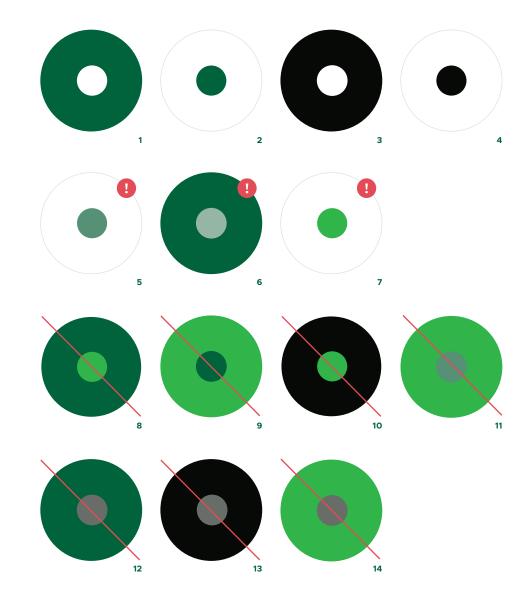
✓ DO USE...

- 1: white on 100% Algonquin Green
- 2: 100% Algonquin Green on white
- 3: white on charcoal
- 4: charcoal on white
- 5: tints of Algonquin Green on white
- 6: tints of Algonquin Green on 100% Algonquin Green
- 7: New Growth Green on white

X DO NOT USE...

- 8: New Growth Green on 100% Algonquin Green
- 9: 100% Algonquin Green on New Growth Green
- 10: New Growth Green on charcoal
- 11: tints of Algonquin Green on New Growth Green
- 12: grey on Algonquin Green
- **13:** grey on charcoal
- 14: grey on New Growth Green

PLEASE NOTE: When used in typography, combinations marked **1** require special attention. Refer to *Colours in Typography* on page 46.





EXAMPLES OF CORRECT USE OF COLOUR

The following are examples of correct use of colour combinations in type and graphics for the Algonquin College brand.

WHITE TEXT ON 100% GREEN BACKGROUND

HEADING ONE

HEADING ONE

Headline Goes Right Here

Heading Two

Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet

Call to action

Headline Goes Right Here Heading Two Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet

Headline Goes Right Here

Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet

Call to action

MINIMAL USE OF TINT OF ALGONGUIN GREEN FOR HEADLINE CONTRAST MINIMAL USE OF TINT OF ALGONGUIN GREEN AS A GRAPHIC HIGHLIGHT CONTRAST BETWEEN
CHARCOAL TEXT AND
GREEN HEADLINE

MINIMAL USE OF TINT OF ALGONQUIN GREEN FOR HEADLINE CONTRAST MINIMAL USE OF A TINT OF ALGONQUIN GREEN AS A CALL TO ACTION HIGHLIGHT

5.0 Typography



5.1

5.0 | TYPOGRAPHY

Primary Typeface

Our primary typeface, Metropolis, has a clean, contemporary style that complements our optimistic, confident and engaging character. It's an important element of our visual identity and must be used on all of our marketing and communications.

To request access to Metropolis, please submit a project request to the Marketing and Recruitment Department at https://www.algonquincollege.com/acmarketing/project-request/

✓ DO...

- use Metropolis as the primary and most abundant font in a design
- use Metropolis Semi Bold primarily when using large point sizes
- use Metropolis Regular for body copy
- use Metropolis Bold for small highlighted areas of text or subtitles
- use italics to highlight statements or for non-English words

X DO NOT...

use in email communications in place of Arial 12

Metropolis

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhliJjKkLl MmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVv WwXxYyZz 1234567890!?\$%

Aa Aa Semi Bold Bold

Aa Regular Italic Semi Bold Italic Bold Italic

41 5.0 | TYPOGRAPHY 5.2 | SECONDARY TYPEFACE

5.2

Secondary Typeface

Freight is a modern take on classic typefaces that adds an extra layer of sophistication and helps break monotony. As it demands attention, it can be used as an alternative to Metropolis for headers and headlines. It should never be used without Metropolis.

PLEASE NOTE: Freight should be used only for high-level marketing and corporate material and for formal recognitions. Examples range from annual reports, strategic plans and corporate proposals to diplomas, degrees and certificates.

✓ DO...

- Use Freight Display Pro or Freight Big Pro for headers, headings, titles and lead paragraphs; maintain the visual prominence of Metropolis as the primary font
- use Freight Big Pro where very large font sizes are needed. Freight Big Pro is the most delicate branch of the Freight family and thus is best suited for large uses.
- use italics to highlight statements or for non-English words

X DO NOT...

- use Freight without Metropolis
- use Freight for body copy

*The use of Freight in italics is reserved for ceremonial recognitions and invitations, such as diplomas or presidential documents.

Freight Display Pro

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLl MmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVv WwXxYyZz 1234567890!?\$%

Aa Medium Aa

Medium Italic

Freight Big Pro

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhIiJjKkLl MmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVv WwXxYyZz 1234567890!?\$%

Aa Medium Aa

Medium Italic

Aa Black Italic*



5.3

Alternative Typefaces

Metropolis and Freight aren't commonly available on all desktop computers. An alternative option for Metropolis has been outlined. However, there's no acceptable alternative to our secondary typeface, Freight. Its use is regulated by the Marketing and Recruitment Department.

As a replacement for Metropolis, use Arial. This typeface comes with the Mac and Microsoft Office suite of applications, which includes PowerPoint and Word.

Arial 12pt font is to be used for all email communications.

PLEASE NOTE: In every situation, it's better to use our brand typefaces when available; this substitution should be used as a last resort.

Arial

AaBbCcDdEeFfGgHhliJjKkLl MmNnOoPpQqRrSsTtUuVv WwXxYyZz 1234567890!?\$%

Aa

Bold Italic

Aa Aa Aa Regular Italic Bold

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5.4

Typefaces in Use

Outlined here are examples that put Algonquin College's typographic rules to use. Application of these standards creates layouts that are easy to read, visually appealing and adhere to Algonquin College's brand in any situation.

PLEASE NOTE: These are simply examples. The typography parameters are flexible enough that there's room for exploration based on your medium and message.

Lorem Ipsum

Cras nec tellus nec massa egestas placerat.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras nec

et pretium sem placerat in. Morbi porta mi diam, id sollicitudin

tellus nec massa egestas placerat. Cras consectetur euismod nibh,

massa condimentum in. Nulla facilisi. Duis quis placerat odio. Nam

ullamcorper viverra lacus a pharetra. Praesent et tristique libero,

vel porttitor quam. Duis efficitur orci hendrerit, suscipit metus eget,

HEADER

4.5x (31.5pt) Metropolis Regular

SUB-HEAD

1.333x (10pt) Metropolis Bold

BODY COPY

1.0x (9/12.5pt) Metropolis Regular

EMPHASIS

1.0x (9pt) Metropolis Bold

US EGET, CONGUE JUSTO.

congue justo.

HEADER 1

US EGET, CONGUE JUSTO.

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.

1.0x (9pt) Metropolis Bold

HEADER 2

3.0x (21pt) Freight Display Medium

BODY COPY

1.0x (9/12.5pt) Metropolis Regular

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Cras nec tellus nec massa egestas placerat. Cras consectetur euismod nibh, et pretium sem placerat in. Morbi porta mi diam, id sollicitudin massa condimentum in. Nulla facilisi. Duis quis placerat odio. Nam ullamcorper viverra lacus a pharetra. Praesent et tristique libero, vel porttitor quam. Duis efficitur orci hendrerit, suscipit metus eget, congue justo.



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COMBINING METROPOLIS AND FREIGHT

Metropolis and Freight can be combined to create interesting texture and reinforce parts of a message.

However, Metropolis and Freight are fonts with different x-heights (the height of the letter x). As a result, when typeset side by side at the same point size, Freight will always look smaller than Metropolis.

For this reason, it's important that the font size of Freight is always adjusted when being used in a header context where Metropolis is combined with Freight so that the capital letters of both fonts match in height.

To achieve this, **simply multiply Metropolis's font size by 1.14**. The result will be the correct size for Freight in any specific case.

WITHOUT ADJUSTMENT

Lorem Ipsum
Dŏlor Sit Amet
Consecteteur.

FREIGHT

28pt

METROPOLIS

28pt

WITH ADJUSTMENT

Lorem Ipsum Dólor Sit Amet Consecteteur.

FREIGHT

32pt

METROPOLIS

28pt

Lorem Ipsum
Dolor Sit Amet
Consecteteur.

FREIGHT

18.4pt

METROPOLIS

16pt



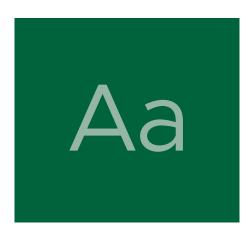
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5.5

Colour in Typography

When setting text, we must comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards. These stipulate the minimum amount of contrast between colours used in text for optimum legibility. To meet AODA standards, adhere to the following colour combination values.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any doubts about the contrast of the values you're about to use in a design, use **webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker** to check whether your combination is complaint.







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COLOURS IN TYPOGRAPHY

The following colour standards apply to all type set in any piece of College material; whether in print or on screen.

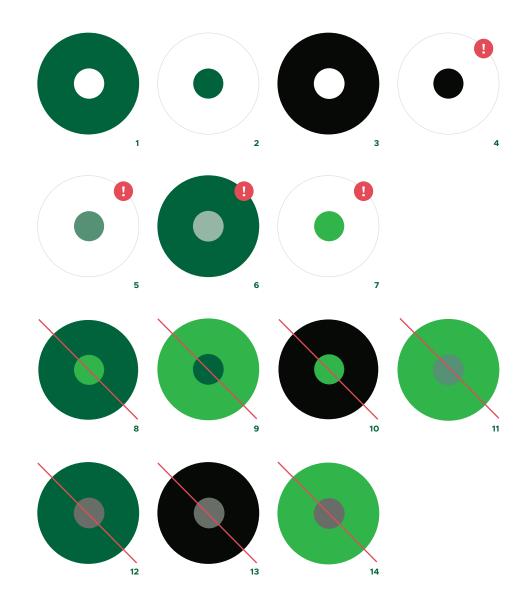
✓ DO USE...

- 1: white on 100% Algonquin Green at any size
- 2: 100% Algonquin Green on white at any size
- 3: white on charcoal/90% black at any size
- 4: charcoal/90% black on white (see next page)
- 5: tints of Algonquin Green on white (see next page)
- **6:** tints of Algonquin Green on 100% Algonquin Green (see next page)
- 7: New Growth Green on white (see next page)

X DO NOT USE...

- 8: New Growth Green on 100% Algonquin Green
- 9: 100% Algonquin Green on New Growth Green
- 10: New Growth Green on Charcoal
- 11: tints of Algonquin Green on New Growth Green
- **12:** grey on Algonquin Green
- 13: grey on charcoal/90% black
- 14: grey on New Growth Green

PLEASE NOTE: Combinations marked **1** require special attention. Refer to the next page and the notes above.



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN TYPOGRAPHY

To meet AODA standards, we must adhere to the following colouring rules for typography:

When using tints of Algonquin Green in text:

- Use only the combinations set out below
- Use these combinations only in text set at 19pt or above

When using black in typography on print:

- Use the Algonquin Charcoal CMYK mixture for titles and large typography
- Use 90% Black (0, 0, 0, 90) for body copy

When using New Growth Green in typography:

 Use it only in Medium or Bold text and consult with AC Marketing and Recruitment prior to usage





SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN TYPOGRAPHY

We use tints of Algonquin Green in text to highlight or create contrast. To meet AODA standards, we must adhere to the following rules:

- · Use only the combinations set out below
- Use these combinations only in text set at 19pt or above

ALGONQUIN GREEN @ 60%

CMYK (56, 8, 51, 26)

RGB (102, 161, 141)

HEX (66A18D)

ALGONQUIN GREEN @ 100%

ALGONQUIN GREEN @ 35%

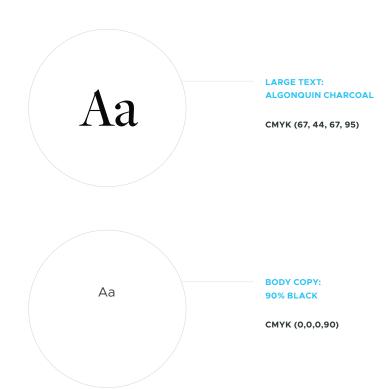
CMYK (33,5,30,15)

RGB (166, 200, 188)

HEX (A6C8BC)

When using black in typography on print, we use:

- Algonquin Charcoal CMYK mixture for titles and large typography
- 90% Black (0, 0, 0, 90) for body copy



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EXAMPLES OF CORRECT USE OF COLOUR

The following are examples of correct use of colour combinations in type and graphics for our brand.

100% ALGONQUIN GREEN ON SMALL BODY COPY

WHITE TEXT ON 100% GREEN BACKGROUND

HEADING ONE

Headline Goes Right Here

Heading Two

Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consecteteur adipiscing elit.

Call to action

HEADING ONE

Headline Goes Right Here

Heading Two

Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consecteteur adipiscing elit.

HEADING ONE

Headline Goes Right Here

Heading Two

Body copy. Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet consecteteur adipiscing elit.

Call to action

ALGONQUIN GREEN @ 60%

WHITE ON SOLID OR TINTS
OF ALGONQUIN GREEN, BOLD
AND AT FONT SIZE ABOVE 14PT

CHARCOAL 90% FOR LARGER SUBHEADS OR 70% BLACK ON BODY COPY HEADLINES IN 100%
ALGONQUIN GREEN,
SUBHEADS IN CHARCOAL
OR SOLID OR MINIMUM 60%
TINT OF ALGONQUIN GREEN

ALGONQUIN GREEN @ 35% ON 100% ALGONQUIN GREEN

WHITE FONT ON TINTS OF ALGONQUIN GREEN, BOLD AND AT FONT SIZE ABOVE 14PT



5.6

General Typographic Rules

- Always use an appropriate level of leading (space between lines of text)
- Always use an appropriate level of tracking (space between letters)
- Larger fonts can use tighter tracking, and smaller fonts benefit from slightly looser tracking
- Be sure to kern individual letters when needed
- Always ensure proper hierarchy between different levels of text by utilizing a type scale (see next page)

LEADING

6PT LEADING

Too much leading can cause the text to look 9PT FONT 17PT LEADING disconnected and hard to read.

9PT FONT Too little leading can cause the text to look squished and extremely difficult to read.

Proper leading allows clear text and legibility and ensures 9PT FONT 12.5PT LEADING that your documents have proper flow.

TRACKING

Too much tracking can cause a strain +300 TRACKING on the reader's eyes.

Too little tracking can cause text to melt together and reduce in legibility and darity. -120 TRACKING

Proper tracking allows clear text and legibility and ensures that +3 TRACKING your documents have proper flow. OPTICAL

TYPE SCALE

A type scale defines the sizes of text to be used when creating hierarchy in layouts and designs. We use multipliers to relate steps in the scale back to each other. Step One of the scale is referred to as 1.0X.

- You can skip steps in the type scale if needed
- You can start with a large font size and calculate smaller sizes accordingly, or vice versa
- You should never need more than eight font sizes in a single design — a maximum of five is encouraged
- A base 1.0X size of 9pt is recommended for print
- A base 1.0X size of 16pt is recommended for web

6.4PT | 0.8X

The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

9PT | 1.0X

The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

11PT | 1.333X

The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

16PT | 2.0X

The five boxing wizards jump quickly.

24PT | 3.0X

The five boxing wizards...

36PT | 4.5X

The five boxing...

56PT | 7X

The five b...



6.0 Imagery

6.1

Photography

Algonquin College brand imagery focuses primarily on the people of AC, especially our students. It should reflect the modern, dynamic, multicultural and multidisciplinary nature of our campus. Our photography should reflect the following styles:

- REPORTAGE LIFESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY that documents the diversity of the Algonquin College student experience and a candid, realistic, and preferrably 'unposed' feel.
- ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY that communicates a dynamic Algonquin College identity.

REPORTAGE LIFESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY



ABSTRACT ARCHITECTURAL IMAGERY





REPORTAGE LIFESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY

We use lifestyle photography that's authentic, meaningful and immersive. Follow these standards to pick appropriate photography for our brand.

✓ DO...

- use a single subject or point of focus
- use a shallow depth of field
- use natural lighting whenever possible
- use interesting cropping to focus the subject of the image
- leave extra space around the subject to offer flexibility when cropping the image
- left- or right- align subjects to leave space for text when needed
- · shoot spontaneous, candid campus activity
- use simple or out of focus background for portraits
- capture the environment when possible
- use visibly staged poses or lighting only when required for portraits
- use green gradient imagery when appropriate (see Gradient Map details on page 64)

Lifestyle photography can be personalized **(1-5)** or de-personalized/detail oriented **(6)**

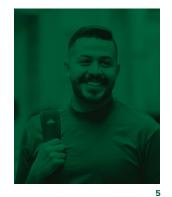














X DO NOT...

- 1-2: use photography that does not have a single point of focus
- **3-4:** use stock or staged photography that appears forced
- **5:** use obvious or overused visual metaphors
- **6:** use heavy filters or effects other than approved gradient maps (see page 59)





ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Architectural imagery is a sharp and evocative way to display the core identity of the campus experience. Follow these standards to pick appropriate photography for the Algonquin College brand.

✓ DO...

- use a single subject or point of focus
- use a deep depth of field to bring the whole image into focus
- · use natural lighting whenever possible
- shoot at times of day when natural light adds drama
- use interesting cropping to focus the subject of the image
- leave extra space around the subject to offer flexibility when cropping the image
- left- or right- align subjects to leave space for text when needed
- take advantage of sharp angles and lengthy curves to create interesting lines in the shot
- use black and white or the brand gradient maps when appropriate
- involve people to create a sense of movement

Architectural photography can be all-encompassing (2, 3, 5) or detail-oriented (1, 4, 6, 7)













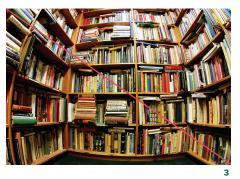


X DO NOT...

- 1: use architecture photos where students appear posed
- 2: use crooked or tilted photos (keep the horizon straight)
- 3: use lenses or effects that overly distort building structure
- **4:** use heavy filters or effects other than approved gradient maps (see page 59)









COMBINING PHOTOGRAPHY

When using several photos within one design piece, create versatility by combining categories and styles of photography.

✓ DO...

 combine different styles of shot (personalized with depersonalized, atmospheric, detail-oriented or architectural)

X DO NOT...

• use the same type of shot multiple times in a single design





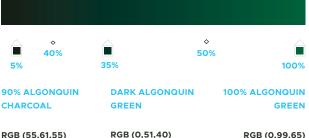
USING GRADIENT MAPS IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Gradient maps replace the lightest values in a photo with a chosen colour, and the darkest values in a photo with another. Mid-tones are gradually replaced with values that lie somewhere between the two chosen colours, or can be chosen manually.

We use three gradient map ranges. While the colour values should remain the same, one can tweak the position of the values and their midpoints to better suit the tones of the photo being used.

BLACK TO GREEN GRADIENT MAP





CMYK (89,54,74,64)

HEX (#003228)

CMYK (93,13,85,44)

HEX (#006341)

WHY USE GRADIENT MAPS?

- Create brand recognition
- A great way to establish a uniform look for photography, in particular in ad campaigns or across social media channels
- Useful for creating a flat look that allows for easy and legible text overlay
- When in doubt about gradient map use, it's best to stick to either full-colour photography or black-and-white photography.

GREEN TO GREEN GRADIENT MAP





CMYK (60,40,60,86)

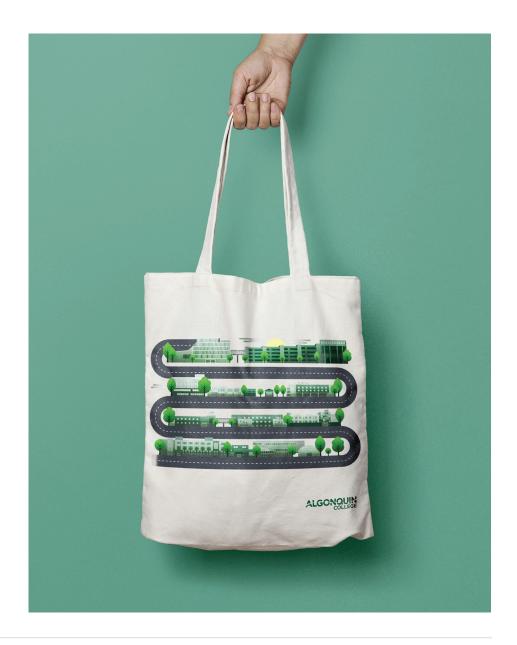
HEX (#373D37)

6.2

Illustration

We use illustration as a primary visual tool because it's both interpretive and subjective.

The following standards should be provided to any artists commissioned to create new illustrations.



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CREATING ILLUSTRATIONS

Follow these general rules to create illustrations within the Algonquin College brand.

✓ DO...

- use only geometric shapes to create your objects
- keep your objects simple
- work in Illustrator or other vector software to allow for rescaling
- use Illustrator's Pathfinder, Shape Builder and Live Corners tools to combine shapes to make new ones
- use Algonquin Green as often as the illustration allows
- use only tints of Algonquin Green and New Growth Green for any instance of the colour green
- use Algonquin Charcoal or a tint of it as your black
- follow the guidelines of the Illustration Palette when picking additional colours (see next page)
- use flat colours primarily
- use very subtle gradients with tints and shades of the same colour to create depth when absolutely needed
- · work and align to a square grid
- allow space for text when needed

X DO NOT...

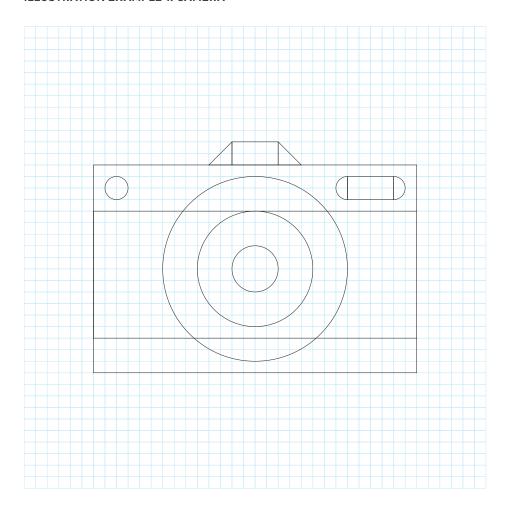
- 1: use off-brand lettering as an illustration
- 2: use arbitrary curves to create shapes
- 3: use different-coloured gradients, drop shadows or other effects

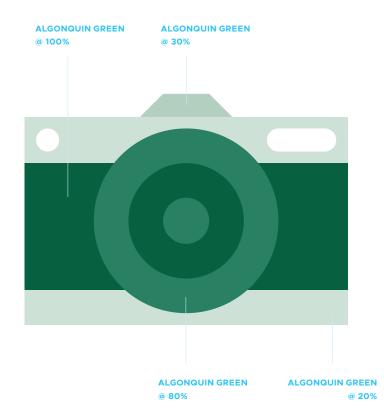






ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLE 1: CAMERA





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ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLE 2: POPPY FLOWER



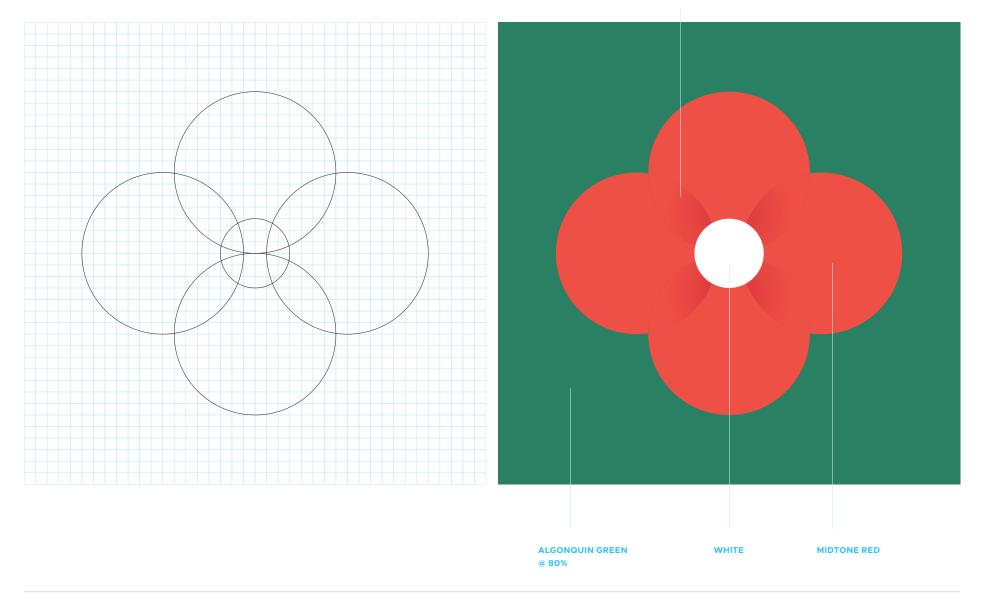




ILLUSTRATION EXAMPLE 3: CHARACTER

GENERAL USE
OF MIDTONE
COMPLEMENTARY
COLOURS







GROUPS WITH BACKGROUNDS/ PERSPECTIVES

6.0 | IMAGERY 6.2 | ILLUSTRATION

USING TINTS IN ILLUSTRATION

While the use of any tint of Algonquin Green is permitted when creating illustrations, it's recommended one use multiples of 10 or 5. Values of the tints of Algonquin Green are as follows. Using the precise CMYK values, as opposed to the tint slider, is suggested.





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6.3

Icons

Icons are a form of visual shorthand. They help categorize, identify and highlight information. They should be simple in both style and content, giving clear, concise messages in a highly economical way.

We make use of designs in the **iconmonstr.com** icon library. Some examples from the image library are shown here. They indicate the intended style for any new icons.

PLEASE NOTE: Download existing icons from **iconmonstr.com** in PNG or SVG formats. Choose the solid versions when available.



7.0 Bringing it together



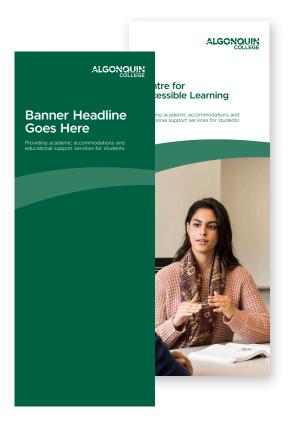
7.1

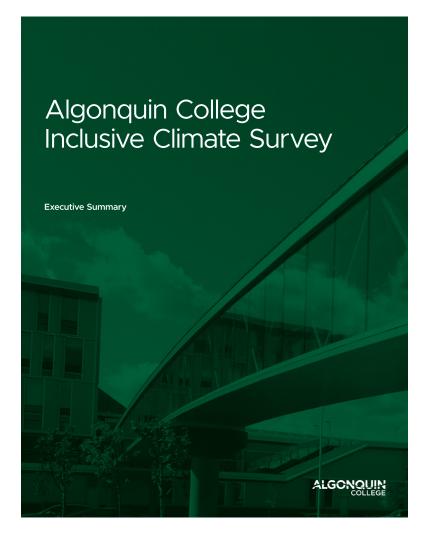
7.0 | BRINGING IT TOGETHER

Acceptable Layout

The following examples follow standards illustrated in this document. Please review for reference and inspiration.









7.0 | BRINGING IT TOGETHER 7.1 | ACCEPTABLE LAYOUT

EXAMPLE 1: CAMPUS/PROGRAM FACTSHEET TEMPLATES

To create a factsheet use the templates provided and do not waiver from the set graphic element colours, font colours, weight and sizing.

Select the proper horizontal logo to support your campus or school as stated in the Sub-Brand Logotype arrangement usage guidelines (pg. 20).

As well, follow the Imagery usage guidelines (pg. 52) to select appropriate supporting graphics.

PROPER LOGO ARRANGEMENT







PROPER SELECTION

OF IMAGERY

EXAMPLE 2: CAMPUS/PROGRAM FACTSHEET TEMPLATES





7.1 ACCEPTABLE LAYOUT

EXAMPLE 3: 3 PANEL STAND-UP BANNER TEMPLATE





LOGO LINED UP TO MARGIN

USE OF RANGE
OF SWOOSH
SECTIONS
- 80%
ALGONQUIN
GREEN

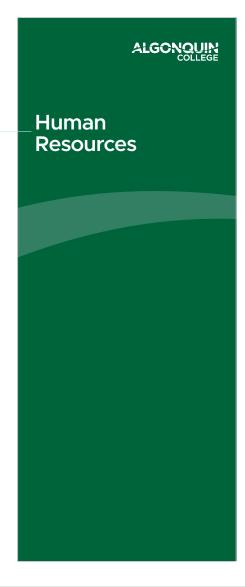
COMPELLING PHOTOGRAPHY



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EXAMPLE 3: SINGLE PANEL STAND-UP BANNER TEMPLATE

DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, OR INITIATIVE TITLE - TIER 1 **NO IMAGE**







ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE -TIER 2/3 WITH **IMAGE**



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EXAMPLE 4: STRATEGIC REPORT SPREADS

To create a high-level report use these samples as guides for proper font, white space, and imagery usage.

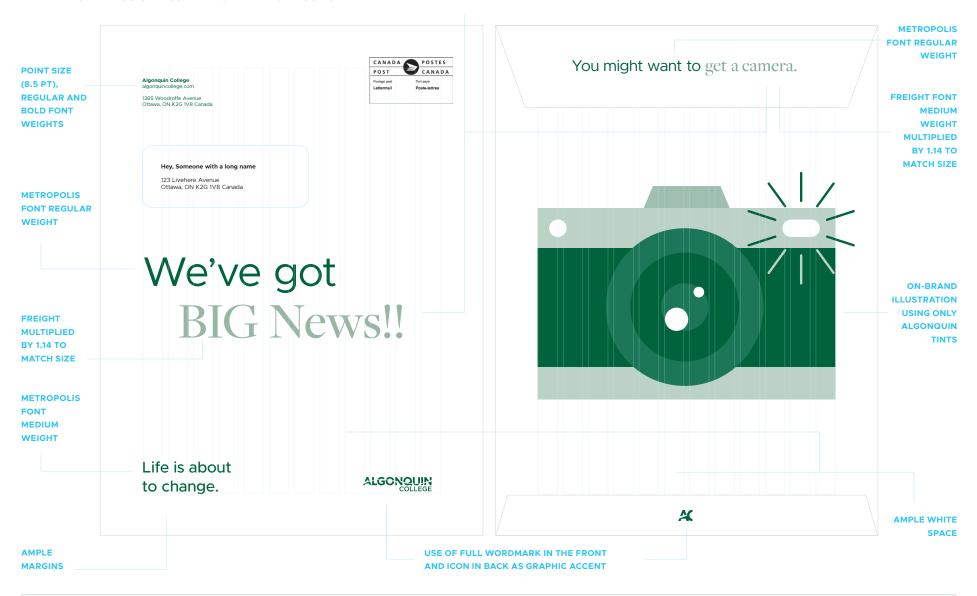
* It is important to have the Marketing and Recruitment Department approve these documents prior to presentation.



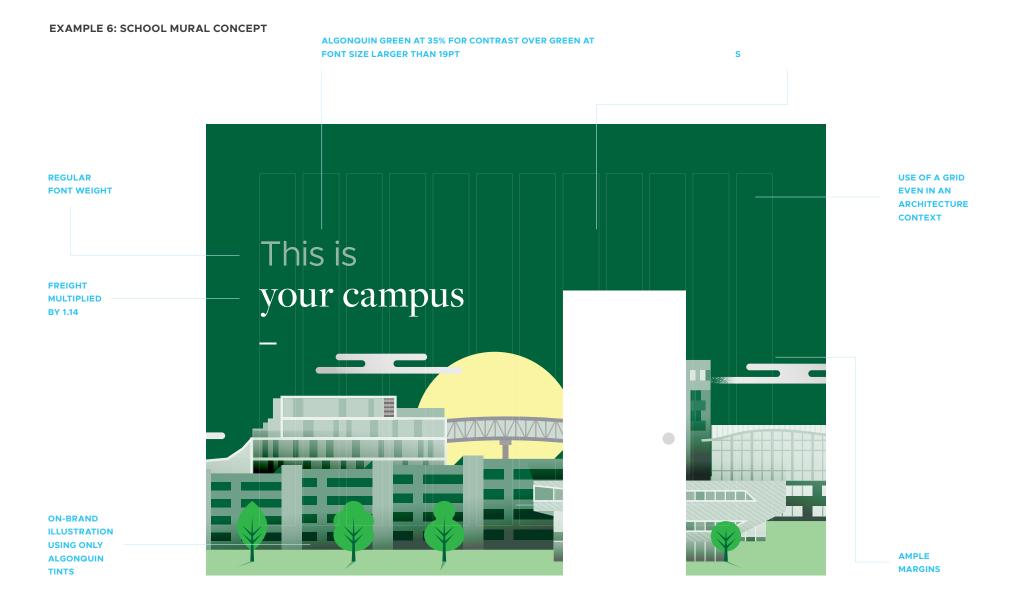


EXAMPLE 5: ADMISSION ACCEPTANCE ENVELOPE CONCEPT

ALGONQUIN GREEN AT 60% FOR CONTRAST OVER WHITE

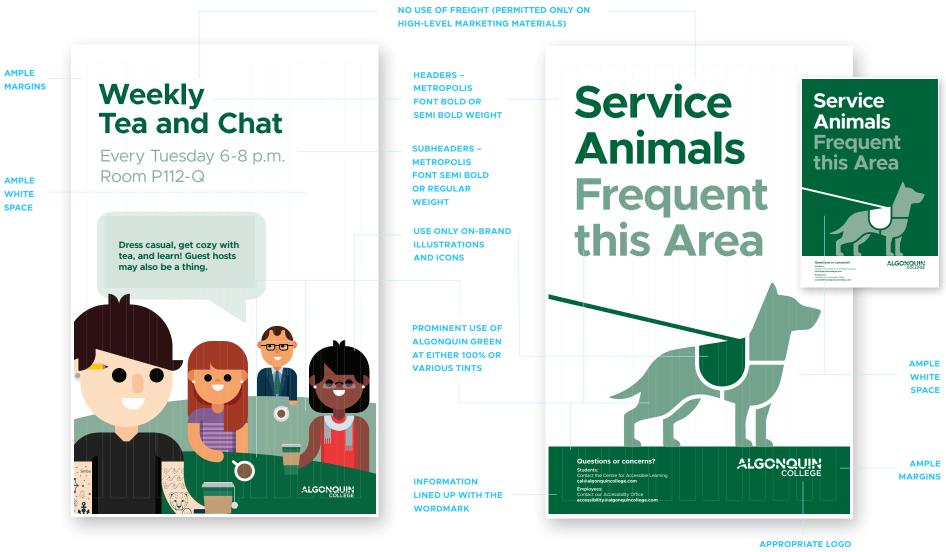


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EXAMPLE 7: INTERNAL EVENT POSTERS — ILLUSTRATION-BASED



FOOTER SIZING & LAYOUT



7.0 | THIS IS YOUR CAMPUS 7.1 | ACCEPTABLE LAYOUT

EXAMPLE 8: INTERNAL EVENT/ PROGRAM POSTERS — PHOTOGRAPHY-BASED





8.0 Stationery & Templates

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8.1

Stationery

Every piece of material has the opportunity to tell the Algonquin College story so long as consistency is at play.

Do not recreate these designs. To request a template, please visit **algonquincollege.com/identity**

AVAILABLE TEMPLATES

- Letterhead
- Fax and Memo Sheets
- Business Card
- #10 Envelope
- Kit Folder
- Label Sticker





9.0 Presentation Templates

9.0 | PRESENTATION TEMPLATES 9.1 | SLIDE DECK

9.1

Slide Deck

Slide deck software can be a tricky tool for design purposes. For that reason, Algonquin College provides a template with a wide range of layouts available for any presentation need. Master pages are created for each layout, so there should be little to no manipulation of the prepared layouts.

Do not recreate the slide deck. To request a template, please visit **algonquincollege.com/identity**

AVAILABLE TEMPLATES

- PowerPoint, 6:4 layout
- PowerPoint, 16:9 layout





10.0 Digital Templates

10.1

Virtual Meeting Backgrounds

Branded virtual meeting backgrounds enhance professionalism, reinforce corporate identity, and foster a cohesive brand image elevating the virtual experience for participants.

Do not recreate the backgrounds. To request a template, please visit **algonquincollege.com/identity**

AVAILABLE TEMPLATES

- 1. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Large Green.png
- 2. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Large White.png
- 3. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Indigenous Pattern Green.png
- 4. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Indigenous Pattern White.png
- 5. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Pattern Green.png
- 6. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Pattern White.png
- 7. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Small Green.png
- 8. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Logo Small White
- 9. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Ottawa.png
- 10. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Pembroke.png
- 11. AC ZOOM BACKGROUND Perth.png





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EXAMPLES CONT'D: VIRTUAL MEETING ZOOM BACKGROUNDS







ALGONQUIN ALGONQUIN ALGONQUIN ALGONQUIN ALGONO
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COLLEGE ALGONOUIN ALGONOUIN ALGONO
COLLEGE











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9.2

Email Signature

Do not recreate the e-signature. Arial 12pt font and auto line spacing is to be used for all Email communications including Email Signatures. To retrieve an email signature template that includes additional direction on pronouns, office numbers and addresses, please visit algonquincollege.com/identity.

✓ DO...

- keep it simple, including only essential information
- list mandatory information: first and last name, title, unit name, and Algonquin College information
- list telephone & extension if available
- use Arial; other fonts may not display correctly
- include simple URLs, without "http://www"
- include social media links in plain text without icons

X DO NOT...

- include extra logos or graphics unless absolutely necessary, since they add unnecessary file size and are often treated as attachments
- · use more than one image: if including logos, embed them all as a single image
- include v-cards, since they add unnecessary file size and are often treated as attachments
- include taglines or quotes, since these may be perceived as College-wide statements

SHORT VERSION (RECOMMENDED)

Claude Brulé

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EXAMPLES CONT'D: EMAIL SIGNATURES

FULL VERSION Claude Brulé NAME - ARIAL FONT, BOLD WEIGHT, 18PT, 80% AC GREEN TITLE - ARIAL FONT, BOLD **President & Chief Executive Officer** WEIGHT, 12PT, 70% BLACK Office of the President **DEPARTMENT - ARIAL FONT, REGULAR WEIGHT, 12PT, 70%** Office 000, Building X **BLACK** T 613.555.5555 x2017 **CONTACT INFORMATION -**C 555.555.5555 ARIAL FONT, REGULAR WEIGHT, Algonquin College | 1385 Woodrooffe Avenue | Ottawa | ON | K2G 1V8 | Canada 12PT, 70% BLACK (T FOR TELEPHONE, C FOR CELL PHONE AND ALGONQUIN COLLEGE algonquincollege.com ARE BOLD WEIGHT) LinkedIn Twitter **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA -**ARIAL FONT, REGULAR WEIGHT, Our Mission: To transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success **12PT, 80% AC GREEN MISSION STATEMENT -**ARIAL FONT, 12PT, 80% AC GREEN (OUR MISSION: BOLD WIEGHT ALGONQUIN COLLEGE STATEMENT: REDULAR WIEGHT) **ALGONQUIN LOGO GRAPHIC -100% AC GREEN**

