**LOGO REFERENCE GUIDE**

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS GUIDE.

The purpose of the College of Western Idaho (CWI) Logo Reference Guide is to establish the visual identity system for the institution and ensure a consistent use of our logo. The CWI identity is more than a logo — it represents our bold vision for the brand. This logo is a promise to our students, faculty, and members of our community that we are committed to education at the highest standard.

Our brand identity is the family of visual elements that support the College’s core look and feel. When used correctly and consistently, brand guidelines explain how brand elements communicate CWI in an articulate and compelling way.
BRAND IDENTITY

MASTER LOGO

The College of Western Idaho master logo is available in a vertical and horizontal version. We strive to use the vertical version as often as possible but the horizontal version is permissible for use when needed.

The CWI acronym can be used separate from the type as long as the logotype is visible in the viewing plane. For example, in a print advertisement, the College of Western Idaho logotype could be used at the top and the CWI acronym at the bottom. Any use of the acronym without the logotype must be reviewed and approved by College Relations.
BRAND IDENTITY

MASTER LOGO USAGE

Using the full version of College of Western Idaho’s primary identity (Master Vertical and Master Horizontal logos) will ensure the brand identity is always used consistently, from promotional items to flyers to the online experience.
BRAND IDENTITY
SECONDARY LOGOMARKS

Logo variations are available should space and/or design limitations, or the specific requirements of an application cause issues with using the primary mark. For example, there might be situations where it is useful to employ a one-color teal, black, or white secondary mark or wordmark.

The logo acronym should be used in complete form in all cases. There may be special instances when the logotype or one-line logo can be used — for example, branded merchandise or instances where height restrictions limit legibility of the primary horizontal mark. Overall, as these are not the primary identity for the College, any alternate use of the logo using a secondary mark must first be reviewed and approved by College Relations.
BRAND IDENTITY
SIZE & CLEAR SPACE

The brand identity should have clear spaces above and below equal to the height of the slab serif in the ‘I’ in the CWI acronym. This will ensure the brand identity has room to breathe when used in combination with other graphic elements. This applies to all versions of the logo.
BRAND IDENTITY

THINGS TO AVOID

The College of Western Idaho brand identity should not be altered or re-created in any way. Any modifications to the logo are strictly prohibited. Following are examples of unacceptable treatments of the brand identity.

Do not:

- Alter the typeface of the logo or reposition the type in any way.
- Use the logo in any colors other than those specified.
- Use any artistic filters on the logo (such as embossing or shadow effects) or use any additional embellishments or elements.
- Stretch, rotate, or distort the logo.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

OVERVIEW

THE VISUAL LANGUAGE IS THE GLUE FOR OUR BRAND

Visual language is how we communicate our brand visually: images, colors, and design. These elements should be consistent to create a recognizable brand and instill audience loyalty. Speech and visual communication are parallel and often work together to exchange information with audiences. The following elements best represent the visual language foundation of College of Western Idaho.
VISUAL LANGUAGE
COLOR PALETTE

College of Western Idaho has a specific color palette that may not be changed or altered. Additional colors may not be added or used without specific approval by the creative team within College Relations.

**Pantone**
Use Pantone colors for 1 color, 2 color, and 3 color printed pieces. The Pantone number ensures a close match. ‘C’ designates a color specified for coated paper, while ‘U’ refers to a color specified for uncoated paper.

Using the Pantone color is especially important for the College’s primary green color, Moss. Due to its bright and vibrant nature, it is recommended to set Moss as a Pantone spot color in printed pieces where feasible (based on print capabilities and budget) to allow the vibrancy and accuracy of this color’s representation to be maintained. Converting Moss to CMYK, the standard 4-color process used in print, darkens and alters the hue of the primary color.

**CMYK**
This color breakdown should be used for offset printing or digital 4-color printing for marketing pieces that require full color. Because the CMYK process can dull our Moss green color, it is preferable to use a spot PMS color of 2271 C when print setup and budget allows.

**RGB**
This color breakdown is for use on-screen or in Microsoft applications that require color to be specified in RGB.

**HEX**
The colors for use in email and on the web.

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### PRIMARY COLOR PALETTE

- **PANTONE 3165 C**
  - RIVER
  - CMYK: 100 / 0 / 29 / 64
  - RGB: 0 / 79 / 89
  - HEX: #004F59

- **PANTONE 2271 C**
  - MOSS
  - CMYK: 74 / 0 / 99 / 0
  - RGB: 0 / 187 / 49
  - HEX: #00BB31

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### SECONDARY COLOR PALETTE

- **PANTONE 548 C**
  - CANOLA
  - CMYK: 0 / 16 / 89 / 0
  - RGB: 255 / 199 / 44
  - HEX: #FFC72C

- **PANTONE 7467 C**
  - BLUEBIRD
  - CMYK: 100 / 0 / 34 / 0
  - RGB: 0 / 163 / 173
  - HEX: #00A3AD

- **PANTONE 7488 C**
  - LICHEREN
  - CMYK: 51 / 0 / 86 / 0
  - RGB: 120 / 214 / 75
  - HEX: #78D64B
VISUAL LANGUAGE
COLOR PALETTE

The College of Western Idaho color palette should include a dominant use of the River color. Moss is used with this primary color in smaller amounts to achieve the brand look for the organization. The secondary palette should be used to add accent color and should allow the River and Moss to be primary in usage.

Following are general guidelines for color percentages:

- Primary Color River = 70%
- Primary Color Moss = 20%
- Secondary Color = 10%
The principal typefaces for the College, including but not limited to print advertising, digital, and other marketing pieces, are Mulish and Georgia Pro. The Mulish family should be used as the primary typeface for the majority of text applications across web and digital uses. In print, Mulish can be primarily used for headings, tag lines, and blended with Georgia for certain stylistic applications. It is available for download on myCWI for employees or by contacting College Relations. The Georgia typeface is reserved for use as body text, callouts, and other situations that are approved by College Relations. See page 13 of this guide for examples of digital and print typography use.

Due to licensing, Georgia Pro use will be limited to use by College Relations and designated designers. The Georgia family, however, is available as a default typeface on most computers and can be used in Microsoft and other software.
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Contact Form
Email
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CWI.edu

Be Safe, Be MIGHTY.
Spring 2021 Priority Registration begins on November 9 for all continuing students.

I like that CWI has smaller classes with more personal attention in the classroom.”
— Victoria Lucich
VISUAL LANGUAGE
PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

Photography and videos are some of the most influential branding elements for the College of Western Idaho. College Relations maintains an active library of college photography and videos that can be used as tools to help promote and communicate topics relevant to CWI. Following are guidelines and considerations for choosing photography.

ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Original photography is used to illustrate CWI students, faculty, staff, and campus locations. Photos should reflect the diversity of our students, faculty, staff, partners, and graduates. The portraits should represent a true academic setting of engagement, relaxation, and confidence. Original CWI photography should be the primary choice for photography use across materials and uses. For access of existing media, faculty and staff can follow instructions on how to view, search, and download images from the College’s image archive system, NetPublish, by downloading the How To: Access and Download Images document on myCWI. Additional questions and assistance with photos can be directed to College Relations at 208.562.2222 or communications@cwi.edu.

NOTE: All media used in official college communications, including photography and video, must have media releases signed by participants on file with College Relations. If you are submitting new photos, video, testimonials, or any other media content that you want to promote that is not in the College’s image archive system, please make sure that participants sign the appropriate Media Release form located on myCWI.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO PRODUCTION
To initiate the brand and advertise CWI’s offerings, a mix of original photography and videos has been used. Photos and videos shot on behalf of CWI should represent the academic culture of CWI and feature our diverse student population, faculty and staff engaged in discussions, classroom activity, hands-on learning, group work, and presentation preparation.

College Relations will provide photography and video clips for use in official CWI communication mediums upon request and approval of appropriate use. If existing media assets do not meet your needs, our staff can provide assistance with requests for capturing new activities. For access of existing media, faculty and staff can follow instructions on how to view, search, and download images from the College’s image archive system, NetPublish, by downloading the How To: Access and Download Images document on myCWI.

NOTE: Any new, original photography or video shot on behalf of CWI should have “full outright ownership,” and include a signed media release. Media release forms are located on myCWI under College Resources > Communications and Marketing. Never use or take a photo or video without a signed photo release form. All images used in CWI communications must be authorized.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO

SUPPLEMENTAL IMAGERY
Original photography may not always be available nor the most appropriate illustration depending upon the information to be communicated.

STOCK PHOTOGRAPHY
In cases where original photography is not available, CWI has access to stock photography resources. We strive to show diversity, specifically those images that reflect the population of the Treasure Valley community. The people featured in the photos should look genuine and be a good reflection of the CWI target audience. Review photography to ensure that images are current; stock photography should not show out-of-date technology, unless it is intended. Stock photography must be updated periodically to show changing social appearances and trends. Please share purchased stock assets or initiate a request with College Relations when stock resources are needed so proper archival can be maintained for later access and reference.

ROYALTY FREE & FAIR USAGE PHOTOGRAPHY
When using images from outside sources, permission from the copyright holder must be received prior to publishing in CWI materials. In cases where gathering permission from the copyright holder may not be feasible, nor is it feasible to purchase stock photography or utilize existing CWI photos, it is important that fair use guidelines are adhered to. Under these circumstances, use images that fall under “free for commercial use”, the public domain, or “free to use or share” usage rights. Google Advanced Image Search (www.google.com/advanced_image_search) and other search engines generally provide filter options for searching images that fall under this criteria. Look for a usage rights search filter that allows you to select a free to use or share option. If you are unsure whether an image meets these guidelines, contact College Relations for resources and assistance.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

ICONS
The College has standardized icon styling to align with the brand through use of custom icon formatting and a dedicated icon library collection. Use of icons from these collections will keep materials consistent and in-brand across promotion, advertising, and communication of topics relevant to CWI. Many of these icons are incorporated into College templates—a selection of key icons are available on myCWI. Contact College Relations for information on accessing custom icons will need to be reviewed and approved by College Relations.

Icons should have a 4pt stroke at a size of 1.5 inches. Following this formula will ensure the icons maintain the standardized styling and remain clear and legible at smaller sizes.

CLIP ART
Clip art should NOT be used on any official CWI materials that communicate to the public. Clip art may be used for informal internal and on-campus communications and club activity announcements.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

Use of specific graphic elements, including color blocks, angles, and patterns in conjunction with typography and photo grid styles, ensure a consistent look and feel for the CWI brand.

COMPASS PATTERN
Derived from the west-pointing compass arrow in the primary logo, this pattern may be used as a decorative element or background pattern under specific conditions:

- Full color pattern: the compass pattern should only occupy 25% or less of the total design area
- Background pattern: the compass pattern should be 5% or less opacity

These patterns are available on myCWI and in the College’s template platform for designated contributors.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP PATTERN
A topographic pattern may be utilized in special instances when the College’s outdoor/trek/explore voice is used or implied. Due to its specific applications, use of the topographic pattern must first be requested and then reviewed and approved by College Relations.
The brand gradient was developed to add another layer of depth and personality to the brand, signifying movement, energy, and connection to the outdoors. Aligning with the College’s primary brand colors, River and Moss, the gradient colors are adjusted slightly to create a harmonious balance across all hues in the color palette.

When using the brand gradient as a background element, placement of any element on top must yield a high contrast and may require adjustment to the gradient angle and/or point of transition between the colors in the gradient.
VISUAL LANGUAGE

GRAPHIC ELEMENTS

The College of Western Idaho logo and compass arrow were designed with specific angles. These angles form the base foundation of CWI's visual language and should be reflected in the College's advertising and designs to create dynamic and attention-getting layouts.

There are two angles available for layout and design:

- Vertical Angle = 75°
- Horizontal Angle = 14.25°
Governance Structure

Council
A designation reserved only for a governance body and is a cross functional group of individuals convened to achieve a clearly defined, specific, and measurable charge and purpose. Cross functional governance body with defined measurable charge and purpose.

Work Groups
A group of individuals convened on a temporary basis to achieve a clearly defined, specific, and measurable goal. Temporary with defined measurable goal.

Committees
A group of individuals convened on a longer term and on-going basis to achieve a clearly defined, specific, and measurable goal(s) and purpose. Long term and on-going with clear and measurable goals.
QUESTIONS?
LOGO AND USE OF THIS STYLE GUIDE
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