

BRAND GUIDELINES

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Land Acknowledgement

Okanagan College respectfully acknowledges that our Penticton, Kelowna and Vernon campuses are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan People, our Salmon Arm campus is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc, and our Revelstoke centre is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc, Sinixt and Syilx Okanagan Peoples.



03 Brand Promise



To empower every student, honour each stage of their growth, and foster a learning environment that creates stronger communities in BC and beyond.





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05 Our Purpose

MISSION

We transform lives and communities.

VISION

We inspire and empower individuals and communities to strengthen and sustain the social, economic, environmental, and cultural resiliency of the region for current and future generations through the creation and sharing of knowledge.

VALUES

Students First

Creating meaningful life-long educational opportunities of the highest quality for alumni, current, and future students is at the heart of everything we do.

Courage

We are courageous in our actions in areas that contribute to positive change in our communities and beyond. We have the courage to be vulnerable. We are truthful, sincere, and act ethically with honesty and fairness.

Community

We are one College. We enthusiastically embrace the opportunity to work with, learn from, and support everyone we encounter collaboratively and collegially.

Relationships

We steward meaningful relationships built on a foundation of reciprocity. We are compassionate, empathic, and care for the holistic well-being of students, employees, community members, and the land.

Respect

We welcome, embrace, and celebrate that which make us unique in creating an environment in which every individual is valued, affirming our commitment to human dignity for all.

Distinction

We choose activities in which we can achieve excellence and positively impact society.



06 Brand Stewardship

We all play a role in keeping Okanagan College's brand strong.

Okanagan College's identity has been written collectively by the OC community and includes our unified identity. Our brand story touches on the people, places, voices, and perspectives that have informed our rich history and ongoing promise to support students in reaching their goals and positively impacting their communities.

This brand guide will help clearly convey our brand elements correctly and consistently. Along with our brand identity, logos, typography, and colour will help communicate our brand effectively.

Using the OC brand and visual identity? Please contact College Relations to discuss design applications and new initiatives. By working together, we will build and protect our brand integrity today and into the future.





07 Brand Stewardship

Be a Brand Ambassador

All members of the OC community can play an active role in brand stewardship through clear, positive, authentic communication about Okanagan College in every interaction at OC and in the community.

You are our brand storytellers. Help us continue to strengthen and unify Okanagan College's brand. You can inspire more people to join the OC community by learning and being able to speak to the following brand story and essence.

The pages that follow outline different ways to talk about OC, and to communicate our brand - who we are and what we do - in a way that is aligned to our Vision, Mission and Values, and Inspire strategic plan.

08 Our Story

Who We Are

At Okanagan College, we are committed to inspiring future leaders and making positive impacts, both locally and around the world. We aren't afraid to lead because we know that by empowering individuals, we can transform lives and communities for the better. Our agility and resilience in the face of challenges and everchanging circumstances is what has fueled our passion for learning for more than 60 years.

The time for OC is now. We work closely with industries and surrounding communities to provide relevant, accessible education and training that is in-demand in the workforce and beyond. We take this responsibility seriously and in stride – excited by what's next.

We never waver in showing up.

We inspire and are inspired by our learners.

We always encourage collaboration over division.

We learn, adapt, and move forward as the journey unfolds.

We are where your tomorrow starts.



09 Brand Platform

Something More

At Okanagan College, we are committed to inspiring future leaders. We focus on what's possible for each student and believe that their empowerment will inevitably benefit those around them. Every individual that is instilled with the skills to take their workplace by storm is another crucial piece in building stronger, happier, and more resilient communities across the globe.

The brand platform is our "North Star" or "Big Idea." It is the feeling members of the OC community say they want our brand and visual identity to communicate to others, whether they are future students, alumni, donors, or people learning about OC for the first time. The Brand Platform is our emotional connection and how we build connection to our audience.



10 Key Messaging Pillars

01. Students First

Our dedication to student success is at the core of everything we do. Though success is different for each person, we are dedicated to supporting you inside and outside of the classroom. Whether that's through learning opportunities in the workplace, instruction in the classroom, or one-on-one support and follow-up, our objective is student success. From local efforts to global impact, we know you're ready to make your mark.

02. We Are All OC

We believe that diversity makes us stronger. We celebrate and welcome all people, perspectives and experiences through events, course offerings, and campus life. Our commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, equity, diversity, inclusion, social justice, and accessibility are foundational in everything we do.

03. Future Ready

Whether you come to OC to pivot your career, expand your expertise, or find your first start in the professional world, we will help you focus on what's next. We are inspired by your potential and possibility. We seek out new ideas and opportunities through innovative partnerships, technologies, and fresh perspectives.

04. Community Matters

Since contributing to community development and developing future community leaders is vital to our mission, we need to showcase the value of being a contributing member. Creating a welcoming and collaborative environment that extends to a 'campus of everywhere' is an essential part of our impact.



11 Essence

Transforming Together



Personalized learning for community impact.

When it comes to education, one size rarely fits all. That's why Okanagan College puts students first, through offering different, flexible, and accessible learning options to minimize the conventional barriers to post-secondary. We partner with community members to ensure the education and training we deliver is relevant to employers and benefits communities across the region and globe. Indigenous community members and allies lead the way in building a stronger OC, aiding in our unwavering commitment to diversity, inclusion, equity, and social justice. Students learn from experienced instructional staff in class sizes optimal for building relationships instead of fading into the background.

Whether you come to Okanagan College to pivot your career, expand your expertise, or to find your first start in the professional world, we'll honour your potential at every step. From local efforts to global impact, we know you're ready to make your mark.



12 Brand Pyramid

ESSENCE	Transforming Together
PERSONALITY	Innovative, Experienced, Bold, Real, Inclusive, Curious
EMOTIONAL CONNECTION	Being a student at OC means being a part of a lifelong community that helps me achieve my individual goals and contribute to a collective good.
UNIQUE SOLUTION	A leading BC post-secondary institution, Okanagan College provides hands- on learning through an accessible, quality education designed to fit your lifestyle. Our wide range of flexible and innovative programs are designed to meet the unique needs of the communities and people we serve. Okanagan College is your partner in lifelong learning.
VALUES	Students First / Community / Respect / Courage / Relationships / Distinction
PURPOSE	We transform lives and communities.
NEED	There is a knowledge and skills gap between my current state and where I want to be. I want to learn in a place where I trust the institution and its quality, and where I am supported in my goals of growing in my understanding and pursuing my passions.



13 Brand Voice

How Does Okanagan College Sound?

Welcoming & Authentic

We want everyone to feel welcomed at OC, and that's why we are all committed to creating learning environments that are supportive of each learner's unique pathway. We value authenticity, we aim to be clear, and above all - we care about each other. Some post-secondary institutions can feel intimidating. We want to feel inviting. We show respect for every individual who comes to us, and we help them find their place in our community.



14 Brand Personality

Innovative

MEANING...

Forward-thinking

Optimistic

Thoughtful

Experimental

AND NOT...

Callous

Narcissistic

Dominating

Exclusive

Real

MEANING...

Straightforward

Honest

Unique

Fresh

AND NOT...

Obnoxious

Unprofessional

Inappropriate

Glib

Experienced

MEANING...

Insightful

Skilled

Patient

Knowledgeable

AND NOT...

Demeaning

Arrogant

Ego-driven

Controlling

Inclusive

MEANING...

Accessible

Adaptable

Welcoming

Empathetic

AND NOT...

Disingenuous

Pretentious

Elitist

Performative

Bold

MEANING...

Relevant

Brave

Creative

Confident

AND NOT...

Rude

Extreme

Insensitive

Alienating

Curious

MEANING...

Open

Respectful

Passionate

Committed

AND NOT...

Rude

Reckless

Pedantic

Invasive

15 Indigenous OC

Okanagan College recognizes that as an institution, we are part of the educational and social fabric of the region, and that we have both the opportunity and responsibility to support and empower OC learners and employees to be positive agents of dialogue, knowledge sharing and change.

Our mission is to transform lives and communities. It is the people of Okanagan College who bring this mission to life, and who have the ability and the agency to do so for the betterment of our world. We recognize that this mission cannot be fully achieved without strong commitment to – and action toward – reconciliation.

Read OC's full commitment to reconciliation: https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/commitment-to-reconciliation





16 Standards & Practices

Know Your Audience

Students

Future Students

Team Members

Alumni

Donors

Community

Writing Standards

Canadian Press Style

Clear and concise sentences

An active voice

No jargon, acronyms, and cliches

Use "Okanagan College" and "OC" - never "OkCollege" or "OKC"





18 Our Logo

Our logo is a symbol of who we are.

The OC icon mimics a viewfinder or a way finder, elements that are used to find your path.

Two circles represent a meeting of the minds.

The thick/thin separation between "O" and "C" shows momentum and speaks to the learning journey.





19 Logo Formats

Use Cases The Okanagan College logo is evolving to reflect how we have grown and changed as an institution, while still retaining a strong tie to our history through the cherry red colour. For all new applications, this logo should be used. The primary logo is intended for all public-facing communications. The secondary logo provides a more condensed (vertical) option, and the tertiary logo offers a red-dot logo to support the transition between the original visual identity and the updated format.

PRIMARY LOGO



TERTIARY LOGO







ICON





Please contact College Relations if you are creating materials that will carry the OC logo, to discuss the best option for your particular needs.



20 Looking Back

Original OC Logo Formats

Below is the Okanagan College logo, established in 2005. This logo is included here to identify it and its elements as acceptable on existing or older collateral. If you are creating new material, please contact College Relations to discuss most appropriate logo use for the application in question.

PRIMARY LOGO







21 Logo Colours

How colour should be used with our logo.

The logo should only appear in the approved format and colours. Whenever possible, the logo should appear in it's primary colours: Cherry and Cabernet as defined on page 30. Whenever the logo is placed on a darker background, the logo may be used in white to ensure legibility. When a colour version of the logo is not a possibility because of printing restraints, a grayscale version of the logo may also be used.













22 Logo Integrity

Maintain Clear Space

Always maintain the minimum clear space around the logo to preserve its integrity, maintain visual clarity, and provide maximum impact. Use the first "O" in Okanagan as a spacing guide to ensure that other graphic elements are not too close.

LOGO









23 Icon Use

How to use the OC icon.

The OC icon may be used in situations where the full Okanagan College logo is already in use. Examples include wayfinding on campus, on the Okanagan College social media accounts and most importantly to title departments and portfolios. The icon can also be used as a graphic asset to hold photography and to create visual interest on marketing materials. Please contact College Relations if you are considering using the OC icon to discuss the best options available.

SPACING:

When using the OC icon, use the stroke width of the letters as a guide for clear space. When pairing with additional text, such as program and department names, use this guide to maintain consistency as seen on the right. The font used is Modern Era Bold in the colour Charcoal as referenced on Page 30.

ICON SPACING GUIDE



ICON WITH TEXT





24 Brand Architecture

Branding Throughout the Institution

Brand consistency is critical to our success. To establish a strong brand architecture, OC will follow these guidelines.

Our Parent Brand is our main brandmark that will be used on student and public-facing publications, both digital and print.

Departments and Portfolio names will use the OC icon instead of the full logo. The structure and spacing is outlined on Page 23.

Wayfinding throughout the OC campus and student facing departments are treated consistently. As new, on-campus fixed signage is developed, we will use the font Modern Era Bold in the colour Cabernet as referenced on page 30.

Endorsed Brands will use the OC icon. See Page 24 for a more thorough explanation.

PARENT BRAND



DEPARTMENTS/PORTFOLIOS





WAYFINDING

Student Recruitment

Financial Aid

ENDORSED







25 Endorsed & Co-Branding

Endorsed Brands

Endorsed branding should be used for Okanagan College initiatives that have independent branding when there is a need to ensure clarity that OC is associated with a brand (examples of this are the Infusions Restaurant and Spa Training Centre). When using the icon to endorse brands, a charcoal version of the icon may also be used.

ENDORSED





Co-Branding

Co-Branding is utilized when there are multiple brands that partner up as part of a strategic alliance. The following example should be used when the communication requires equal importance between Okanagan College and the partnered brand. Okanagan College should be shown first in all instances and a line is used to separate the two organizations.

CO-BRANDED







26 Logo Integrity

The brand identity should never be altered, warped, covered, stretched or placed in a different colour format than specified in these guidelines.

Do not:

- 1. Place on coloured backgrounds that lack contrast.
- 2. Apply a drop shadow.
- 3. Change or otherwise recreate the type or artwork. Only use the verified versions.
- 4. Place on distracting or busy backgrounds.
- 5. Apply a gradient or otherwise change the colour to a colour not included on page 21.
- 6. Distort or warp the word mark in any way.
- 7. Rotate.
- 8. Apply outlines.



















27 60th Anniversary Logo

Celebrating 60 years of Okanagan College

To celebrate the 60 years milestone in 2023, we have designed a 60th anniversary logo. This logo can be used to represent Okanagan College throughout 2023 and on any merchandise or presentations made to celebrate the event. This logo can be used as an example of how to create future anniversary logos for the college.

HORIZONTAL LOGO VERTICAL LOGO





COLOUR USE: The logos can be used in our three primary colours: Cherry, Cabernet and Charcoal as defined on Page 30. When placed on a coloured background, a reversed all-white version of the logos can be used.







SKY







SUNSET

DEACL

CHERRY

CABERNET

LAKE

30 Colour

Colour is integral to our story.

The Okanagan College palette is inspired by the agriculture and natural surroundings of the Okanagan Valley. It is important to maintain a consistent appearance and reproduction of the Okanagan College colours across all forms of visual communication. Using colours consistently will strengthen our brand recognition, create impact and distinguish our message.

PRIMARY COLOURS

SECONDARY COLOURS

Cherry

PANTONE 1925 C CMYK 0/100/52/0 HEX E10054 RGB 225/0/84

Lilac

PANTONE 251 C CMYK 13/42/0/0 HEX DE9CEE RGB 222/156/238

Sunset

PANTONE 151 C CMYK 0/54/100/0 HEX FF8204 RGB 255/130/4

Sky

PANTONE 319 C CMYK 60/0/16/0 HEX 2ECDDC RGB 46/205/220

Cabernet

PANTONE 188 C CMYK 5/96/56/54 HEX 782434 RGB 120/36/52

Lavender

PANTONE 2607 C CMYK 85/100/0/13 HEX 50037F RGB 80/3/127

Peach

PANTONE 7417 C CMYK 0/82/82/0 HEX E14F3D RGB 225/79/61

Lake

PANTONE 323 C CMYK 100/0/41/51 HEX 005F63 RGB 0/95/99

Charcoal

PANTONE 418 C CMYK 59/48/58/44 HEX 50534C RGB 80/83/76



31 Colour

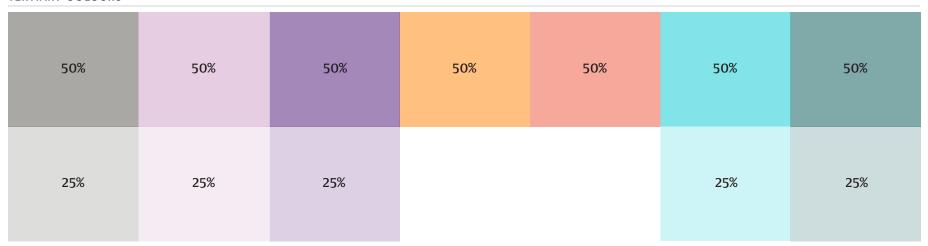
Tertiary Colours

Our tertiary palette includes tints of the secondary brand colours that may be used as assisting elements such as in photography lighting and filters.

SECONDARY COLOURS



TERTIARY COLOURS







33 Typography



Primary Font

A corporate font is a critical brand asset that visually ties all of your external communications and messaging together. It expresses the brand personality, supports legibility and ensures consistency across the organization. Modern Era is the primary font used in the word "Okanagan" in our logo, and reflects our clear and authentic communication style.

APPLIES TO: This font will be used by College Relations in designed collateral, OC templates and key brand assets. This font is for use in designed materials. For information about approved fonts for reports, presentations, letters, etc., see "Type Alternatives" on page 35-36

PRIMARY

Modern Era

Modern Era Light ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Modern Era Regular ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

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Modern Era Extrabold ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Modern Era Black ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

GOOGLE ALTERNATIVE

Poppins

https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Poppins

Poppins

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Poppins Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Poppins Bold ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890



34 Typography



Secondary Font

Alverata is the secondary font used for the brand and comes in a range of widths that provide flexibility for various communications while maintaining consistency. It can be used in designed collateral, headers, subtitles, large body copy, callouts, as well as small print that may be harder to read. This font is for use in designed materials. For information about approved fonts for reports, presentations, letters, etc., see "Type Alternatives" on page 36.

SECONDARY

Alverata

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Alverata Regular ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

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Alverata Black ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

GOOGLE ALTERNATIVE

Noto Serif https://fonts.google.com/noto/specimen/Noto+Serif

Noto Serif

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Noto Serif Bold ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890



35 Typography in Use

Brand Fonts in Use

Throughout this document and below, you will see the brand fonts in use. In order to create a strong visual heirarchy between headlines, subheadlines and body copy we recommend using both Modern Era and Alverata.

EXAMPLES OF HEIRARCHY

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This is a Subheadline

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36 Type Alternatives



Microsoft & Windows Alternatives

Avenir Next is the alternative font for Modern Era and comes in a range of widths and heights that provide flexibility for internal communication. Cambria is our serif font alternative for Alverata. Avenir Next and Cambria are pre-installed on all Microsoft programs providing flexibility for students and staff to use in reports, presentations, letters, etc. Adhering to these Type Alternatives maintains brand consistency.

MICROSOFT ALTERNATIVE FONT FOR MODERN ERA

MICROSOFT ALTERNATIVE FONT FOR ALVERATA

Avenir Next

Avenir Next Medium ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890

Cambria

Cambria Regular ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890





39 Photography & Video

The look and feel of our imagery.

Our imagery as an organization is tied to people and their learning journey. We aim to show real people engaging in real tasks, engaging in community. Our image and video selections should feel warm and authentic, a vision of our dream for what the world could be. We want to inspire with every image we use. Stock photogrpahy should be used sparingly and only in cases where OC imagery or custom-built graphics do not exist or are not appropriate.

Our photography and videography should never feel over-posed or perfect – it must speak to our work and relate to the message we are communicating in a meaningful and honest way.













40 Photography & Video

Do's and Don'ts for Our Imagery

Below is a list of "do's" and "don'ts" to guide you when selecting imagery for Okanagan College collateral. Not all images and videos will check off every point, but it is ideal to stay within an acceptable range that visually aligns to this criteria across all communications.



Do's

HOPEFUL / ENERGETIC

CURRENT / RELEVANT

REAL-LIFE / SINCERE

BALANCED & NATURAL LIGHTING

REFLECT DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

REFLECT COMMITMENT TO HEALTH & SAFETY

ENSURE YOU HAVE PHOTO CONSENT: www.okanagan.bc.ca/photoconsent

Don'ts

UNPROFESSIONAL

INSINCERE EXPRESSIONS

OBVIOUSLY STAGED

PUBLISH PHOTOS WITHOUT CONSENT

If you have questions or need to source appropriate photography for your project, or if you would like to request training on DSRL or cell phone photography for OC, please contact College Relations.





42 Signage



43 Posters









44 Stationery







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Sincerely,

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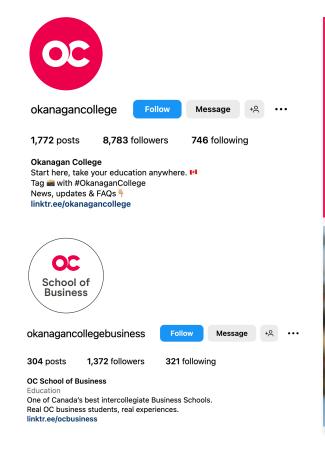
Penticton Kelowna Vernon Salmon Arm





46 Social

















Review the Social Media at Okanagan College page for resources, guidelines, policy and best practices:

www.okanagan.bc.ca/college-relations/social-media-at-okanagan-college



47 Apparel







Thank You

Questions on how to use the Okanagan College brand and brand guidelines?

CONTACT COLLEGE RELATIONS AT collegerelations@okanagan.bc.ca