# IDENTITY STANDARDS

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## INTRODUCTION

The Irvine Valley College (IVC) Identity Standards manual establishes guidelines for the consistent use of the college's visual brand identity. A cohesive brand, used both on and off campus, elevates IVC's reputation, increasing its ability to recruit outstanding students, faculty and staff. Adhering to these guidelines will increase the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the college's communication efforts.

These standards apply to all graphic and written communications created by and for the college, both internally and externally. These include but are not limited to brochures, flyers, posters, digital monitors, ads, postcards, newsletters, catalogs, programs, invitations, stationary, business cards, promotional items, social media, emails, and webpages. Consistency in design and application instills and reinforces a strong brand identity.

The manual is intended to educate and assist IVC employees and vendors in ensuring the college's image is projected in a clear, professional and unified manner. Consistent graphic elements are critical components of all print and digital publications.

This is a living document. As technology changes and IVC grows, so too will its brand.

#### OFFICE OF MARKETING AND CREATIVE SERVICE

- Please submit your Marketing requests at: link.ivc.edu/mkt-requests
- If you need assistance or have any questions, please visit or contact us at:
  - Web: ivc.edu/mcs
  - Phone: 949-451-5426
  - Office: B 327

## **COLLEGE SEAL**

The IVC seal is used solely for formal occasions, such as diplomas, certificates, and graduation announcements. It is not interchangeable with the logo. The logo is appropriate for the majority of uses. For help discerning which to use, contact the Office of Marketing and Creative Services.

The IVC seal is a stylized orange tree with an open book at its base and the Latin phrase "A posse ad esse," which translates to "From possibility to actuality," in a scroll below. It includes the year (1985) that the college first received its independent status, not its founding date (1979).

The orange tree represents IVC's past, as the college was built on an orange grove.

The seal may be either IVC Blue or Silver, but never both, unless done in foil. It may not be recolored or filled with color, nor may its elements be isolated or manipulated.



## **IVC LOGO**

The IVC logo is the college's official visual identifier. It should appear on all print and digital communications and signage. It is important to apply this logo consistently and properly across all collateral to maintain a unified identity. The orange branch graphic and/or "Irvine Valley College" cannot be separated, nor used as a standalone element. Do not alter or attempt to recreate these elements in any way.

#### **PRIMARY LOGO**

This primary logo is the preferred application in the majority of uses.



#### STACKED VARIATIONS

These stacked variations may be used as alternatives to the primary logo when space is limited, per the discretion of the Office of Marketing and Creative Services.





## **CLEAR SPACE**

The visual character of the Irvine Valley College identity depends on clean and spacious layouts. Always use the recommended clear space, as shown below. Placing any element too close to the logo diminishes the logo's importance.

- Generous clear space and consistent placement are essential for maintaining the integrity of the logo.
- The clear space is measured by the height of the uppercase "I" in the wordmark, as indicated in the diagram. The minimum clear space must always be at least the height of the letter "I" on all sides of the wordmark. No typography or design element may be placed within this area.



## **MINIMUM SIZE**

To ensure legibility, the logo should never be reduced smaller than 1.5" inches wide for print, or 115 pixels wide for digital, without contacting the Office of Marketing and Creative Services for appropriate sized graphic.

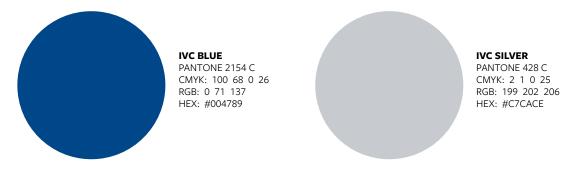




## **COLOR PALETTE**

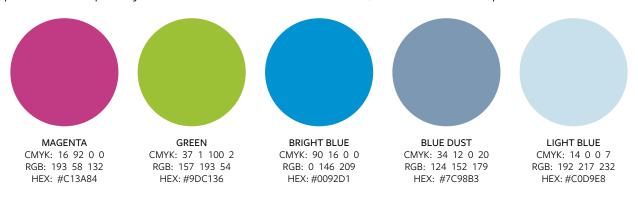
#### PRIMARY BRAND COLORS

The main branded color is IVC Blue, a classic deep blue, with a modern IVC Silver serving as a support color. These are the core colors of the IVC identity, are used in the IVC logo, and should be prominently featured.



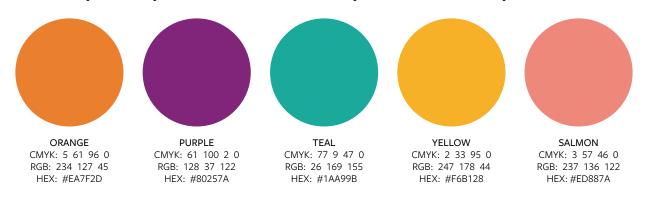
#### **SECONDARY COLORS**

A secondary set of colors has been selected to complement the IVC Blue and Silver. These colors must be paired with the primary brand colors and cannot be used alone, and should not overpower the brand colors.



#### **TERTIARY COLORS**

These tertiary colors may be used as accents; however, they should be used minimally.



## **LOGO COLOR USES**



#### **FULL-COLOR LOGO**

Use the full-color logo for white, IVC Silver at 40% tint, or light backgrounds.



#### **ONE-COLOR LOGO**

Use the one-color logo for white or light backgrounds when only one color is available for printing.



### **REVERSED (WHITE) LOGO**

Use the reversed logo for dark backgrounds.

## **WORDMARK**

A wordmark is a distinct text-only typographic treatment of an institution used for purposes of identification and branding. The IVC wordmark consists of the college name "Irvine Valley College." It is used when space is limited or when the IVC logo does not fit within the overall design, per the discretion of the Office of Marketing and Creative Services.

## **Irvine Valley College**

## **LETTERMARK**

The college lettermark is the abbreviated identifier for IVC. As an acronym, it is often used to identify Irvine Valley College in a variety of applications, such as printed materials and merchandise. The orange branch graphic and/or "IVC" cannot be separated, nor used as a standalone element, without the approval of the Office of Marketing and Creative Services. Do not alter or attempt to recreate these elements in any way. The lettermark does not replace the logo.



## **IVC LOGO EXTENSIONS**

The logo extension provides an identifiable mark for a campus unit that is consistent with the Irvine Valley College brand. The name of an IVC school, department, program, or service may be added to the IVC logo as an extension. In all cases, the correct name of the unit must be used. The logo extension can be configured either horizontally or stacked to satisfy the specific application requirements.

To request the official logo extension artwork for your unit, submit a Marketing project request or contact the Office of Marketing and Creative Services.





## **TYPOGRAPHY**

## **Freight Sans Pro**

**HEADERS / BODY COPY** — PRINT & DIGITAL APPLICATIONS

Freight Sans Pro is IVC's **primary typeface for both print and digital applications.** This versatile sansserif font is clean, modern, and highly legible across a variety of applications. A range of multiple weights, widths, and optical sizes are avialble; however, we traditionally use the following weights (along with its companion italics):

Freight Sans Pro Black	1234567890
Freight Sans Pro Bold	1234567890
Freight Sans Pro Semibold	1234567890
Freight Sans Pro Medium	1234567890
Freight Sans Pro Book	1234567890
Freight Sans Pro Light	1234567890

## **IVC COLLATERAL**

#### **BUSINESS CARDS**

IVC offers business cards for employees upon request. Cost and quantities vary. Business cards include the employee's name, official title, department or school, email, and phone number.



#### **NAME BADGES**

Name badges may only be ordered for college faculty and staff. Departments may choose to display either the employee's title or the department's name underneath the employee's name.



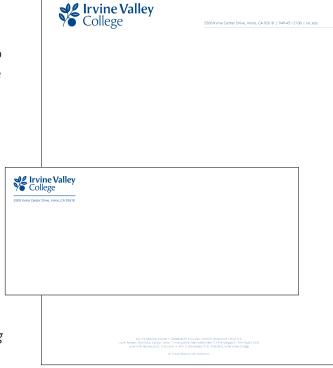
#### **LETTERHEAD**

IVC letterhead is used for formal letter writing. For example, the letterhead should be used for letters that are mailed out to the community or to students. The IVC letterhead is not intended to be used for meeting agendas, student applications, etc. Printed letterhead can be ordered, and a Word template is available to download at ivc.edu/mcs/resources.

#### **ENVELOPES**

IVC offers envelopes that complement the IVC letterhead.

To order any IVC collateral, submit a Marketing project request or contact the Office of Marketing and Creative Services.



## **APPAREL & PROMO ITEMS**

Please submit a Marketing project request for all promotional items, including apparel, that have the Irvine Valley College name, logo, or branding on it. IVC branded artwork must be sent to vendors by the Office of Marketing and Creative Services (MCS).

#### **LEAD TIME**

Keep in mind that some promotional items are produced overseas and require additional time for shipping. In general, please allow for **1-2 months** lead time for promo items. Please contact MCS if you have a time-sensitive request.

### APPROVAL OF PROMO ITEM PURCHASE ORDER

District Purchasing requires that the artwork from MCS be included with the requisition request. District Purchasing sends ALL purchase order (P.O.) requests for promo items to MCS for approval. Any items with IVC artwork that was not provided by MCS will be declined and will further delay your order.

Please note that the vendor cannot move forward with an order until they have received the P.O. from District Purchasing.

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