Welcome!

This book is a guide to the Wheaton College brand. Through understanding the vision, values and ideas that are core to the Wheaton College identity and the visual and verbal tools that are used to express those qualities, the work that is done to communicate the brand and fulfill its promise will strengthen and perpetuate the Wheaton College experience and its reputation.

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Brand strategy
Why does brand matter?

At the heart of any high-performing organization are guiding principles and values that align strategic intentions with day-to-day operating practices. These guiding principles shape the brand and every expression of it from the company culture to customer interactions and beyond—it is reflected in the website, printed material, marketing and all communications. The creation of a strong brand identity builds internal alignment and customer loyalty. When everyone across an organization speaks with one voice and delivers a consistent message, the people served better understand the value provided.

A brand is organic. A brand truly flourishes when it becomes part of the culture and is reflected in everyone’s roles and responsibilities. The Wheaton College brand framework is built on our core values, our history of progressive education and the vision driven from our strategic plan.
Brand Idea

Igniting the spark of possibility
Brand attributes

**Personal**
Empowered individuals and a one-of-a-kind collective whole.

**Connected**
To each other and to the world. In ideas and action.

**Confident leaders**
Thoughtful risk takers at home and around the world.

**Inclusive**
Welcoming and celebrating difference.

**Life-changing**
Nurturing positive change, big and small.

**A network for life**
Relationships that inspire and sustain.
Empowering students to pursue their passion
Brand toolkit
Icon & wordmark

The wordmark appears both as a lock-up and unlocked with the 'W' icon and can also be used with or without the 'Massachusetts' location.

College identity

The ‘W’ icon, a customization of the Effra ‘W’ letterform, provides a powerful and simple symbol that is used to create a strong and recognizable mark on print and other collateral. The use of the ‘W’ honors the college’s past use of the letter as an icon while its design brings a contemporary look and focus to the future.
Wordmark font

The Wheaton College wordmark is designed in Effra, an open, accessible, sans serif font whose roots date back to the time of the college’s founding. The use of sans serif and lowercase creates a modern and approachable wordmark that reflects the continued evolution of the school’s progressive and humanistic education, its welcoming culture and its spirit of innovation. Wheaton College is always capitalized in text, only appearing in lowercase when the wordmark graphic is used.

Wheaton College competes with liberal arts colleges and universities in New England and beyond. While the use of sans serif and lowercase fonts are increasingly prevalent in the consumer product and service market, Wheaton College’s strongest competitors all use a serif font for their wordmark. When compared to the competition, the sans serif, lowercase Wheaton College mark projects a strong contemporary image that positions the college as one that, while rooted in the past, is thriving in the present.

Location

Including the location with the wordmark differentiates the school clearly from the Wheaton College in Illinois. It creates a declarative statement that we are proud of our history and location. It is included in applications for audiences who are not yet familiar with the school. For on-campus and school community collateral and signage, the wordmark without ‘Massachusetts’ is an option.
Icon & wordmark: ‘W’ icon

The rich signature blue and ‘W’ icon adds an appropriate amount of gravitas and weight to the identity. The ‘W’ icon used untethered from the wordmark creates dynamic graphic energy which reflects Wheaton College’s diverse culture and progressive education. The bold photography and graphic style reflect and amplify the refreshed identity and further differentiate the school from its competitors.
Icon & wordmark: clear space & size

The wordmark and icon should be isolated from competing text, images and graphics by surrounding it on all sides by an adequate clear space that is equal to the height of the ‘W’ icon. To ensure the legibility use of the Wheaton College ‘Massachusetts’ icon, minimum sizes are provided for print and digital use.

Clear space

Minimum sizes

- Wheaton College .375" 27 px @ 72 dpi
- Wheaton College .275" 20 px @ 72 dpi
- Wheaton College Massachusetts .375" 27 px @ 72 dpi
Icon & wordmark: primary color

The primary icon and wordmark color is Wheaton blue. The icon and wordmark are dropped out of solid backgrounds and photography.
Icon & wordmark: misuse

Do not alter the icon in any way. Avoid physical distortions and special effects such as drop shadows. Below are some examples of misuse.
Placing the wordmark or ‘W’ icon in a holding shape

Placing the wordmark or ‘W’ icon on a gradient background

Stretching in any direction

Changing the font

Rearranging elements
The seal is the college’s most enduring institutional symbol, dating from the time Wheaton became a four-year college in 1912, when it was created entirely as an artist’s drawing. The seal should be used for applications with audiences that know us well (the college’s alumni, current students, faculty and staff), and within activities and materials of major institutional importance or impactful personal accomplishments. The seal should not be used as the sole identifier for external audiences that do not know the college.
Athletics identities

- The word Athletics must always be used in partnership with Wheaton College athletics wordmarks.
- The Lyons mascot icon must always be accompanied with either the Wheaton Lyons full lockup, or another Wheaton Athletics mark must be used in another placement of the same production.
- Do not create a logo by associating the Lyons mascot icon with “Wheaton Athletics” or Wheaton sports name graphics.
- Note: Sport names are typeset as “Wheaton” (larger) and the name of the sport below (smaller). These are available for use as graphics and can be acquired from Resource Space.
WHEATON ATHLETICS
Color

Primary color

Wheaton blue has evolved through the years, sometimes darker, sometimes brighter and not always consistent. By adopting this vibrant and strong blue and using it consistently in all applications, the brand is strengthened and becomes more clearly memorable.
Support colors

These pairs of spot and neutral colors support the primary color and photography and are used to add depth and variety. Avoid over 'colorizing', instead choose one or two colors that best support the application.

Web color palette

These colors are for use solely on the web or in web-based applications.
Typography: fonts

Primary font: Effra

Effra is used for both headlines and body text. It comes in a variety of weights, allowing for flexibility in type treatment.*

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . ? ; ( ) ! @ # $ % ^ & *

Alternative font: Arial

If Effra is not available, Arial is used.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . ? ; ( ) ! @ # $ % ^ & *

Primary print font: Abril

Abril is used for body text only in printed materials. Serif fonts are not used for headlines, titles or ethos statements.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . ? ; ( ) ! @ # $ % ^ & *

Alternative print font: Palatino Linotype

Palatino is used for word processing and applications where Abril is not available. As with Abril, Palatino is not used for headlines, titles or ethos statements.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 . ? ; ( ) ! @ # $ % ^ & *

Web fonts: Roboto and Work Sans

For application on the web, the Google fonts Roboto (headlines) and Work sans (body copy) are used.

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Typography: font case

• Standard sentence-case is used for bold ethos statements in strong graphic treatments

• When ethos statements are used as headlines, they follow the headline and title style e.g. “Where potential thrives”

• Wheaton College NEVER appears in lowercase except in the logo

• Headlines and titles are sentence-case with sentence capitalization. (Boston Globe style not New York Times style) e.g. This is your campus—vibrant, diverse, engaged.” NOT... “This is Your Campus—Vibrant, Diverse, Engaged.”

• Proper names are always capitalized e.g. "A conversation with web designer, mother and professional beat boxer Camille." “What is the Wheaton Edge?”

• Ampersands can be used in section heads but not titles (unless it is part of a proper name) e.g. “News & Events” is fine...“Camille: web designer, mother & professional beat boxer” is not

• All caps can be used selectively for section heads, links on the website, etc. but not titles

• All caps is never used for headlines, titles or ethos statements e.g. “IGNITING THE SPARK OF POSSIBILITY” is not the Wheaton College brand

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Typography: paragraph styles

With the range of Effra weights and careful use of paragraph styling, text is clearly and elegantly presented. The paragraph styles for this book are shown in the example below.

Effra Bold
80/94
bold ethos

Messaging
and brand statements

Effra Bold
67/60
section divider

Section divider
Page header

Page description header

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Typography: web styles

Roboto and Work Sans are for web use as header and body fonts, respectively. Below are approximate guides for reference, adapted to print format.

(Roboto bold)

82 pixels

H1 Heading

48 pixels

H2 Heading

32 pixels

H3 Heading

24 pixels

H4 Heading
(Work Sans regular)

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Where potential thrives

The Wheaton College voice is engaging, passionate and clear. It is honest, unpretentious, accessible, conversational and deeply optimistic.

Ethos statements and headlines are declarative, underscoring the primary values that support the brand and define the Wheaton College experience. Supporting text is written in the active voice and is free from extravagant use of superlatives and jargon. The voice reflects the culture. It is welcoming, informative and smart.
Empowering students to pursue their passion

Progressive education with timeless values

Igniting the spark of possibility

Liberal arts unbound

Where the community inspires and potential thrives

Connections and confidence for life
Design intent

In both print and digital, Wheaton College materials are modern and memorable, relying on an energetic visual vocabulary that is innovative yet approachable, presenting an open invitation that is ripe with possibility.

Balancing a vibrant, energetic approach that is distinctive but never chaotic, Wheaton College design is, above all, intentional and thoughtful. The use of oversized headlines, bold color, transparencies, text overlay and full-bleed images are all part of the tools. Because there are no set templates for design, it is up to the designer to choose the appropriate elements and balance the use of strong and quieter elements to evoke the brand.
**Less is more**

**Design**

Choose elements in the toolkit carefully. Let the brand identity shine. Use only what is needed to get the idea across. It is not necessary to ‘decorate’ print or online collateral. Rely on strong photography. Avoid adding extra design elements, lines, squiggles, etc. Never use clip art or canned illustrations, if there is no photography, use bold text, vibrant colors and texture.

**Evoke, don’t explain**

**Content**

We respond strongly when images and words are evocative and emotional. Use strong photography and evocative language to get attention. Details can be included in simple and clear text with data points as needed. Evaluate each application and include only the content needed to create action.

**Have a point of view**

**Tone**

Use declarative statements and a strong, active voice. Create memorable pieces by communicating clearly and with passion. Use first person quotes and personal stories. Create a clear call-to-action.
Online visual elements

BUTTONS & LINKS

UI ELEMENTS

search field
scroll bar
mobile menu

directory profile w/ w/o image
carousel nav style 1
carousel nav style 2
sticky cta

VISIT WHEATON
REQUEST INFO
APPLY NOW

prefooter ctas

Art History & Studio Art
The Art History program at Wheaton examines the artistic traditions of a wide range of periods and places.
LEARN MORE

10:1
Student - Faculty Ratio
Wheaton's small classes mean more personal attention. Learn more about our student-faculty ratio.

DEPARTMENTS/PROGRAMS
MAJORS/MINORS
INTERESTS/CAREERS

MAJOR
MINOR
COURSES
FACULTY

take
Icons

- Student/Faculty Ratio
- Event/Calendar
- Time
- Graduation
- Scholarship
- Alumni
- Housing
- Clubs/Organizations
- Coffee Run
- Class Size
- Student/Graduate
- Compass
- Wheaton Edge
- Global
- Teacher
- Internship

Glyphs

- Visit/Location
- Info
- Apply
- Connect
- Email
- Attend Event
- Give
- Building/Hall
- Phone
- Coffee to Go
Photography

Strong photography is a primary element of the Wheaton College brand. The quality of the photograph is as important as the subject. All photography should be the highest quality. This is true for marketing materials as well as photographs used to document events. Great light, thoughtful cropping, good color, the right moment, interesting detail, strong composition and distance from the subject are all important considerations when taking and choosing photographs.
Photography: top level

• Capturing the height of the moment
• Evoke, don’t explain
• Energy and beauty
Photography: community & experience

• Celebrating community and personality
• Point of view
• Represented through unexpected angles, scales, movement
• Energy and beauty
• Engaged in the experience
Photography: portraits of Wheaton

- Individual personalities
- Singular and together
- Expressing joy, wonder
- Engagement, curiosity
Photography: details & textures

• Interesting compositions and focus
• Dynamic in both movement and static images
Photography: celebrate the campus

• Celebrating the natural beauty of the campus
• With and without people
• Capturing light, shadow, color and atmosphere
• Representing a place you want to experience
Statistics and dates are represented boldly, often with numbers that are significantly bigger than the accompanying words.

**Expression**

1,650 students

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<th>22% domestic students of color</th>
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<td>40 states</td>
<td>12% international students</td>
<td>1912 granted college charter</td>
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authentic experiences build confident leaders

Wheaton students are thoughtful risk-takers, embracing and managing change at home and around the world. Study abroad opportunities includes short-term intensive sessions, semester and full-year offerings in more than 80 countries, including Wheaton’s distinctive program in Bhutan. Students collaborate with faculty on research, participate in internships, field experiences, co-ops, and practicums. This Wheaton edge guarantees funding for internships or other experiential learning opportunities, funding wide-ranging experiences including internships, service positions, independent research, and entrepreneurial projects.

Large areas of small text are best set in dark neutrals over white or light neutral background.
Igniting the spark of possibility

When using full-bleed images, set type in white and place over dark areas. A supporting color can be used to add emphasis.

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Similar to titles, text can be dropped out of photos and transparent color can be added for readability.