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Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries around the world. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences. Our beautiful campus in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula overlooks the Keweenaw Waterway and is just a few miles from Lake Superior.
The Place to Be (Real).
Michigan Tech’s brand platform inspires external messaging that is uniquely ours: real.

More than a logo or tagline, our brand platform establishes the brand and is the foundation from which all marketing decisions are made. If a message falls outside our brand promises—real people, opportunities, and experiences—we argue it’s a story probably not worth telling.

Promise to Make it Real.

Real people
faculty, students, alumni, friends, prospective students, you

Real opportunities
facilities, location, traditions, research, events, classes, weather

Real experiences
in class, in the field, internships, co-ops, abroad
Attributes

Smart, Hardworking, Unpretentious, Relentless in the pursuit of better

Brand attributes are characteristics that speak to the personality of the brand.
Differentiators

We Celebrate Tough:

Research
Location
Traditions
Events
Snow
Water
People

Differentiators are a set of enduring features separating Michigan Tech from competitors.
Stories

It’s easy to rely on data to tell our brand story (salaries, placement, expenditures). We want to focus on the journey—not just outcomes: Demonstrate what life is like for a first-year engineering major. Showcase a day-in-the-life of a researcher. Or talk about what it’s like to be president of a student organization.

We want STEM to not only be seen as necessary and important for our world, but also as just plain cool.

Share stories that are:

Compelling
Current
Bite-sized
Relatable

More than Features and Benefits

A feature is a factual statement about a product or service. A benefit answers “What’s in it for me?” Our external messaging doesn’t center on features and benefits, but rather real, emotive brand stories. Narratives about students, alumni, and research get to the heart of why our audiences care about Michigan Tech, and what they’ll come to believe about our brand through storytelling.
Tone of voice

Honest.

It’s how we say what we say—and it’s essential that all external communications consistently share our trademark tone of voice.
Honest means...

Use simple, active, staccato sentences.
Avoid jargon and fussy words.
Power Statements

Memorable phrases that can be infused in messaging as headlines, subject lines, cutlines, social media, body copy, and more.

- Crazy Smart—You’d have to be crazy smart to come here.
- Create the Future—Create the future in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- Innovation Shore—Create the future along Michigan Tech’s Innovation Shore.
- Location—Bound together by distance, STEM, and snow.
- Second Family—We’re a pack—in it together.
- Research—Roll up our sleeves to analyze, dig, compare, and deploy.
- Value—Michigan Tech grads get jobs.
Frequently Used Words

Simple, active words and verbs create a sense of liveliness and urgency.

ANALYZE
BUILD
CHOOSE
COLLECT
CONNECT
CREATE
DO
ENGINEER
EXPLORE
FIND
FUSE
GRIND
GRIT
HAUL
INNOVATE
LEAD
LOAD
MEASURE
PACK
RESEARCH
SMART
SUBMERGE
TENACITY
WORK
VISUAL IDENTITY
Visual Identity

Logo System

Full Name Horizontal

Full Name Wordmark Stacked

Full Name Wordmark

Michigan Technological University

Michigan Technological University

Michigan Technological University

When to Use
Use our stacked horizontal or full-name mark to provide immediate identity recognition in scenarios where the University brand is unfamiliar.

University Logos are Trademarked
All Michigan Tech logos downloaded from this page are registered trademarks of Michigan Technological University. The use of the Michigan Tech name, logos, seals, and/or other symbols of the University, in commercial venture, even fundraising or promotional activities, requires prior written approval. Only licensed vendors are authorized to produce merchandise and apparel featuring the University name and/or logos. For more information and a list of licensed vendors, please visit our trademark licensing page.
Visual Identity

Logo System

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Michigan Tech Vertical</th>
<th>Michigan Tech Horizontal</th>
<th>Michigan Tech Wordmark</th>
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<td><img src="image" alt="Michigan Tech Horizontal Logo" /></td>
<td><img src="image" alt="Michigan Tech Wordmark Logo" /></td>
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**When to Use**
Use these marks only when the full University name is included elsewhere.
When to Use
Use this mark only when the name of the University is present elsewhere. On campus, this mark may stand alone when used in conjunction with signage, events, and internal communication.
Clear space is the protected area around the logo that maximizes its impact. This space must be kept free of all other graphics and text, including other logos.
Visual Identity

Logo System

Minimum-Size Restrictions
Minimum-size requirements ensure legibility of the logo. Contact University Marketing and Communications with questions or concerns regarding logo size.

The full name horizontal logos should never be smaller than .5 inches tall.

The Michigan Tech wordmark should never be smaller than 1.5 inches wide.

Michigan Tech
Visual Identity

Business Cards

Front side (two options)

To place a business card order, email umc@mtu.edu or download the form at mtu.edu/umc/resources/download.
Visual Identity

Letterhead

Department Letterhead
To place an order, contact umc@mtu.edu.

Digital Letterhead
Visit mtu.edu/umc/resources/download to download digital departmental letterhead. Digital letterhead is not intended for print.

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Visual Identity

Logo System

Unacceptable Applications
Do not re-create the Michigan Tech logo, change the logo’s color, stretch the type, alter, move elements of the logo, or add or subtract design elements.

Use only official logos prepared by and available from University Marketing and Communications.

Do not stretch the logo vertically.

Do not condense the logo horizontally.

Do not make the logo transparent.

Do not move elements of the logo.

Do not change the one-color logo to any other color.

Do not use another color within the logo.

Do not use a web logo on a print publication.

Do not tilt or position the logo vertically.

Do not mix the one-color logo options.
Visual Identity

How to use the logo

Color Variations
These are approved logo variations when applied on color backgrounds.
Visual Identity

How to use the logo

Photography
The following are recommendations of logo use on photographs. The designer should use their best judgment when overlaying the logo. Never place logo over people, complex images, patterns, or main focal points in the photograph.

Use full-color logo on a light photo.
Black logo may also be used on a light photo.
Use white (or gold) logo on a dark photo.
When to Use
The University seal is used for formal and official documents, such as diplomas and communications from the president. It is not for general use. The seal may not be used on apparel. The seal may not be altered in any way or blended with other designs or symbols.

The seal may be used on pre-approved specialty items.
Visual Identity

Color Palette

Primary Palette
The official colors of Michigan Tech are black and gold.

PMS 116
CMYK: 0/18/100/0
RGB: 255/206/0
HEX: #ffcd00

Black
CMYK: 0/0/0/100
RGB: 0/0/0
HEX: #000000
Visual Identity

Color Palette

Secondary Palette
The secondary color palette provides additional options when working on publications. These colors ensure University publications share a cohesive and unified theme.

- **PMS 3115**
  - CMYK: 74/0/17/0
  - RGB: 0/191/214
  - HEX: #00bfd5

- **PMS 7737**
  - CMYK: 64/15/100/2
  - RGB: 108/164/57
  - HEX: #6ca438

- **PMS 172**
  - CMYK: 0/86/99/0
  - RGB: 255/70/18
  - HEX: #ff4611

- **PMS 390**
  - CMYK: 22/0/100/8
  - RGB: 193/205/35
  - HEX: #c1cd23

- **PMS 7713**
  - CMYK: 100/31/36/3
  - RGB: 0/129/152
  - HEX: #008197

- **PMS 1925**
  - CMYK: 0/97/50/0
  - RGB: 238/37/92
  - HEX: #ed255c

- **PMS 675**
  - CMYK: 38/100/20/2
  - RGB: 164/34/119
  - HEX: #a42277
Visual Identity

Typography

Primary Font Family
Avenir Next—Our sans-serif typeface for body copy and headlines
Visual Identity

Typography

Secondary Print and Web Font
Georgia—serif typeface, use for print and web headlines, call outs, and display copy

GEORGIA REGULAR
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

GEORGIA ITALIC
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

GEORGIA BOLD
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

GEORGIA BOLD ITALIC
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Visual Identity

Typography

Primary Web Font
Open Sans—Our sans-serif typeface, primary web font used for body copy
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Visual Identity

Typography for Print

Sample Paragraph

About Michigan Tech

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Visual Identity

Typography for Web

Sample Paragraph

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DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIERS
Department Identifiers

**Horizontal and Vertical Variations**
While the University logo system is available to all Michigan Tech colleges, schools, and departments, unique identifiers are available. They include the department name with the University logo and name.

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**Vertical Identifier**

![Vertical Identifier](image)

**Horizontal Identifier**

![Horizontal Identifier](image)
Department Identifiers

Unacceptable Applications
Do not re-create the Michigan Tech identifiers, change the color, stretch the type, realign the text, move elements of the identifier, or add or subtract design elements.

Use only official identifiers prepared by and available from University Marketing and Communications.

Michigan Technological University
Housing and Residential Life

Do not stretch the logo vertically or horizontally.

Do not center align or reformat the text in any way.

Do not move elements of the logo.

Do not change the logo to any other color.
PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO
What makes a Michigan Tech photo?

- Our shots are not staged; they are honest examples of who our students, faculty, and alumni are and what they do.
- Our photos show students and faculty doing real work—in the lab, in the field, on campus, and abroad. We work hard and play hard in all types of environments.
- We avoid unnatural filters, gels, and lights.
- We capture images from eye level—our subjects are not always smiling at the camera.

Photos should highlight our:

- Natural environment
- Extreme adventure
- Extreme conditions
What makes a Michigan Tech video?

- Our videos are made on location. Wherever our faculty, students, and staff are, we go.
- Our campus is active, gritty, and adventurous. Our lens doesn’t live on a tripod, it follows the action.
- We film with natural light whenever possible.
- Students, faculty, and alumni use their own words—to the point and with conviction.

Videos should **highlight** our:

- Culture, campus, and beautiful spot on the map
- Passion for the subject at hand, from both sides of the lens
- Secure identity—we are not everything to everyone
RESOURCES
Resources

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