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## > BRAND STORY | ABOUT NYU ABU DHABI

NYU ABU DHABI serves as a center for scholarly thought, advanced research, knowledge creation and exchange through its academic, research, and creative activities. NYU Abu Dhabi, which welcomed its inaugural class in 2010, was established in partnership with NYU and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and founded upon a shared understanding of the essential roles and challenges of higher education in the 21st century. This global university represents a transformative shift in higher education, one in which the intellectual and creative endeavors of academia are shaped and examined through an international and multicultural perspective.

NYU Abu Dhabi is pioneering a new model of higher education for a global world dedicated at once to excellence in teaching and research and to advancing cooperation and progress on humanity's shared challenges. As a University that brings together students and faculty from across the globe, and part of the larger NYU network of degree granting campuses and academic centers across six continents, it is increasingly important to maintain exemplary brand standards, and to present one clear and consistent brand identity.

## BRAND GUIDELINES: WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

An impactful brand is one that fosters unified bonds with their audience through consistency. It's instantly recognizable and stands strong. It speaks a common language, despite the fact it speaks to different people from different places. Amid the complexity and diversity that is our unique academic environment, there are very few times we ask our community to be single-minded. This happens to be one of them.

By creating and maintaining a strong, unified brand, we can continue to shape the way people think and feel about NYU Abu Dhabi. These brand guidelines are intended as a reference and resource to help you communicate effectively on-brand when you are telling the NYU Abu Dhabi story.

NYU ABU DHABI BRAND GUIDELINES



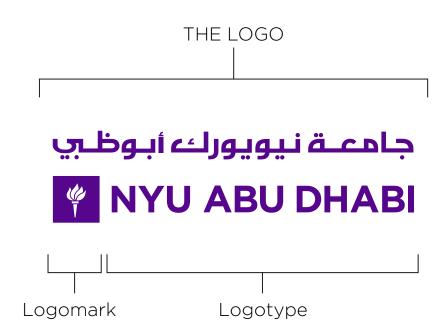
## > LOGO | OVERVIEW

This is the primary NYU Abu Dhabi logo. This logo plays an essential role in representing the University. Consistent and appropriate use of this logo can powerfully advance the recognition of our institution. Here are some important rules when using the NYU Abu Dhabi logo:

## The NYU Abu Dhabi logo can only be shown in NYU violet, black, or white

- Only use the NYU Abu Dhabi logo in situations that call for the official mark of the University
- The NYU Abu Dhabi logo should only appear once on a homepage or communications piece
- Follow the clear space guidelines as stated in this document
- **DO NOT** alter, or modify the logo in any way
- DO NOT remove the torch from the box
- DO NOT remove the Arabic text.
- DO NOT use previous versions of the logo
- DO NOT place elements in close proximity to the logo
- DO NOT use the logo on backgrounds that do not provide adequate contrast
- DO NOT add a colored shape around the logo

For further examples, reference the <u>LOGO MISUSE</u> page





## > LOGO | CLEAR SPACE AND MINIMUM SIZE

#### **CLEAR SPACE**

Maintain an appropriate amount of clear space around the logo. There should be a clear space the height of the single torch around the entire logo.

The same rules apply when the logo is used vertically.



#### **MINIMUM SIZE**

To maintain full legibility, always use discretion when sizing the logo. It should never be the most dominant element on the page.

## >LOGO | VERTICAL USE

For instances where the primary logo does not fit proportionally, the logo can be used vertically.

Rotate the logo counterclockwise on a 90-degree angle. The torchmark should always be at the bottom.

**DO NOT** alter, or modify the logo in any way.









## > LOGO | MISUSE

The logo should never be used or altered in the following ways.



**DO NOT** stretch or distort the logo.



**DO NOT** use colors other than NYU violet, black, or white.

**DO NOT** use different colors within the logo.



**DO NOT** rearrange the elements, use the torch as a stand alone element.

**DO NOT** distort or remove the Arabic text, or redraw the logo.



















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## > LOGO | PLACEMENT

When placing the logo over colored backgrounds, the logo must be legible and shown clearly.

- For dark backgrounds, it is recommended to use the white logo
- When using the violet or black logo, ensure the torch is always white
- DO NOT use the logo over a busy background image
- DO NOT use the purple or black logo on dark backgrounds where there isn't enough contrast for it to stand out
- DO NOT allow the background to show through the torch on the black or violet versions of the logo

### CORRECT













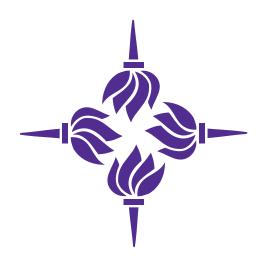


# FOUR TORCH EMBLEM

## > FOUR TORCH EMBLEM | OVERVIEW

The four torch emblem has been adopted as a symbol of NYU Abu Dhabi. It was taken from the Arabesque pattern and is meant to bring NYU's iconic torch together with textures inspired by Islamic patterns.

- Only show the four torch emblem in an official color from the NYU Abu Dhabi palette.
   All torches must be the same color
- The four torch emblem is ideal for use on merchandise and apparel
- DO NOT rotate the four torch emblem.
   The four torch emblem must form a cross
- DO NOT use the four torch emblem on backgrounds that do not provide adequate contrast
- DO NOT flip the four torch emblem.
   The torch flames must point to the right
- DO NOT place elements in close proximity to the four torch emblem. The four torches are an element on their own. Follow the clear space guidelines





## > FOUR TORCH EMBLEM | USAGE





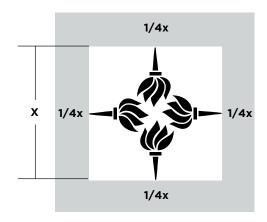








The four torch emblem should be placed to form a cross. Ensure the flames on the torches point to the right. The emblem should not be rotated in any way from the original file.



There must be sufficient clear space surrounding the four torches: a border measuring one-fourth the size of the box the torches form.













Any of the NYU Abu Dhabi violet, primary, accent or neutral color palettes can be used. The emblem should always be monochromatic.

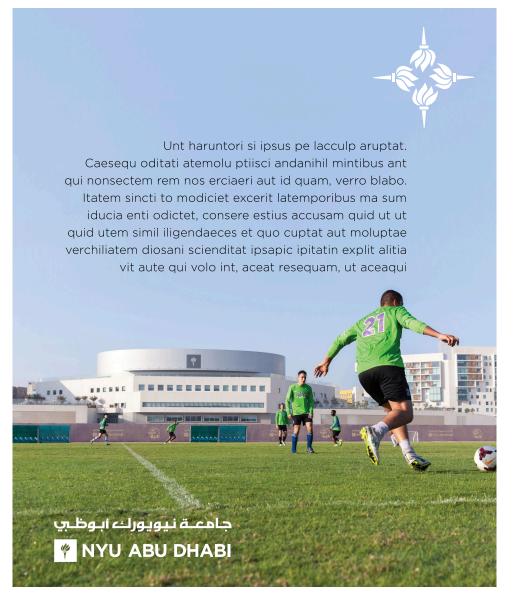
The emblem can be used in these various formats. These formats allow the emblem to be utilized on items such as infographics or merchandise.

## > FOUR TORCH EMBLEM | EXAMPLES











## > COLOR | PRIMARY PALETTE

NYU's signature violet plays a key role in the University's identity. The NYU violet and black make up the two primary colors in the NYU Abu Dhabi palette.

#### **NYU VIOLET**

PMS 2597 C85, M100 Y0 K0 R87, G6, B140 HEX 57068C

#### **BLACK**

100% Black CO, MO YO K100 RO, GO, BO HEX 000000

## > COLOR | VIOLET PALETTE

The violet palette is meant to further drive home the idea of "violet pride." Using these various shades of violet help provide a strong sense of visual cohesion while creating a sense of harmony.

### PRINT

#### **PRIMARY NYU VIOLET**

PMS 2597 C85, M100, Y0, K0

C92, M100, Y35, K35

C64, M89, Y0, K0

C53, M66, Y11, K0

C18, M29, YU, KC

#### **DIGITAL**

#### PRIMARY NYU VIOLET

R87, G5, B140 HEX 57068c

HEX 57006C	
R105, G31, B150	R26, G3, B41
HEX 681f98	HEX 1a022a
R138, G82, B173	R43, G3, B69
HEX 8a51af	HEX 2b0346
R171, G130, B196	R61, G5, B97
HEX ab83c6	HEX 3d0462
R204, G181, B219	R79, G5, B125
HEX cdb5dd	HEX 4e057e

## > COLOR | NEUTRAL PALETTE

The neutral palette consists of a variety of warm grays. Combine this palette with our brighter violet and accent colors for a more sophisticated look and feel. In cases where you find colors too harsh or strong, try replacing with one of these neutral options.

#### LIGHT VIOLET

C7, M10, Y2, K0 R232, G225, B234 HEX e8e1ea

#### **LIGHT GREY**

C7, M7, Y7, K9 R226, G225, B221 HEX e2e1dd

#### **GREY**

C19, M17, Y17, K23 R191, G190, B187 HEX bfbebb

#### **CHARCOAL GREY**

C38, M34, Y34, K45vv R127, G127, B124 HEX 7f7f7c

#### **DARK GREY**

C56, M51, Y50, K67 R71, G70, B69 HEX 474645

## > COLOR | ACCENT PALETTE

The accent palette is meant to work alongside the primary and neutral palettes. These accent colors can be used for a wide variety of collateral but should always be used sparingly and never as the dominant color in a project.

#### OASIS

PMS 320

C100, M0, Y19, K23

RO, G141, B169

HEX 008ba9

#### TURQUOISE SEA

PMS 550.

C29. MO. Y10. K14

R127 G190 B198

HEX 7fhece

#### **DESERT SUN**

PMS 7413

CO. M53, Y100, K4

R239, G139, B33

HEX ef8b21

#### SUNSET

PMS 1935

CO, M83, Y80, K10

R218, G75, B57

HEX da4b39

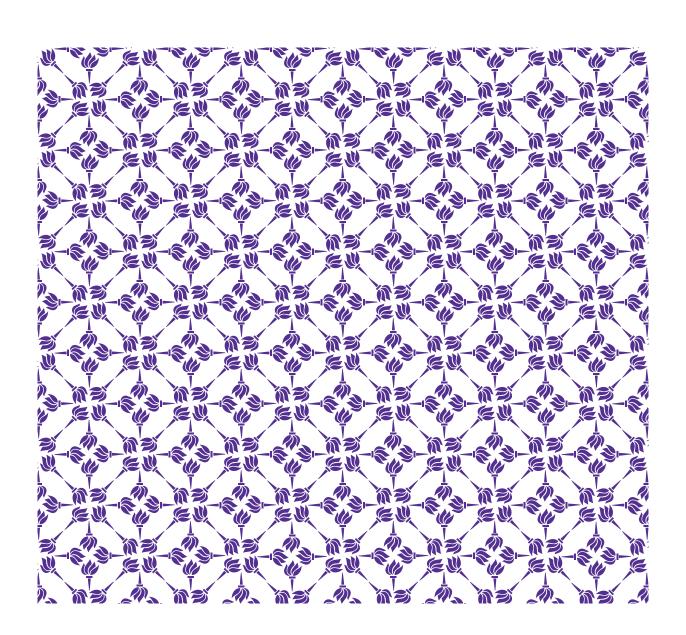
# ARABESQUE PATTERN

## > ARABESQUE PATTERN | DESIGN ELEMENTS

The NYU Abu Dhabi Arabesque pattern was specifically designed as a device to bring NYU's iconic torch together with textures inspired by Islamic patterns.

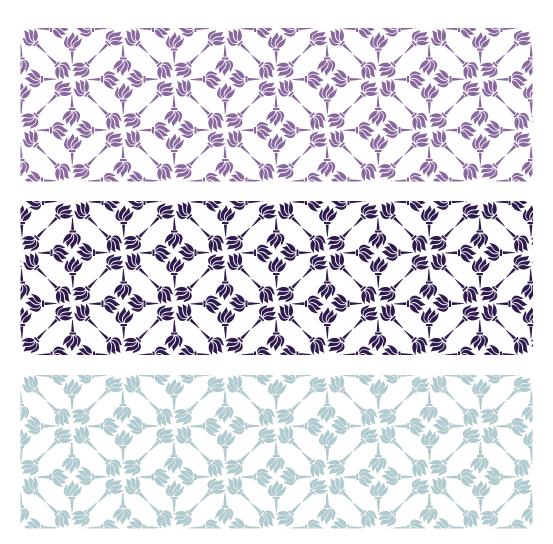
The Arabesque pattern can be used to provide projects with as sense of color, texture, and identity whilst giving a subtle nod to NYU Abu Dhabi and the region. It can be set to medium transparency and overlaid on photos or even used with a gradient to fade out and blend into its surroundings.

- The pattern must always be cropped at its center point or faded out to a zero opacity
- The pattern must always be monocromatic
- The pattern's opacity can be turned down to provide a more subtle texture
- DO NOT tamper with the pattern itself in any way

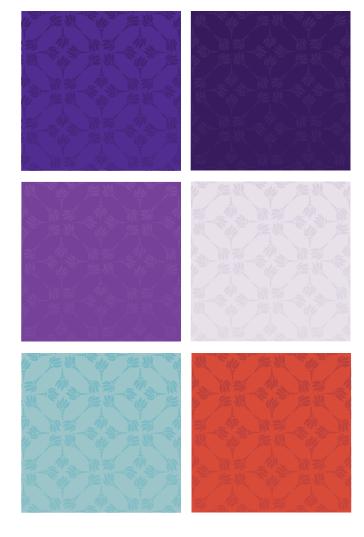


## > ARABESQUE PATTERN | DESIGN ELEMENTS

Any of the NYU Abu Dhabi primary, violet, neutral, and accent colors can be used for the Arabesque. However, the pattern should always be monochromatic.

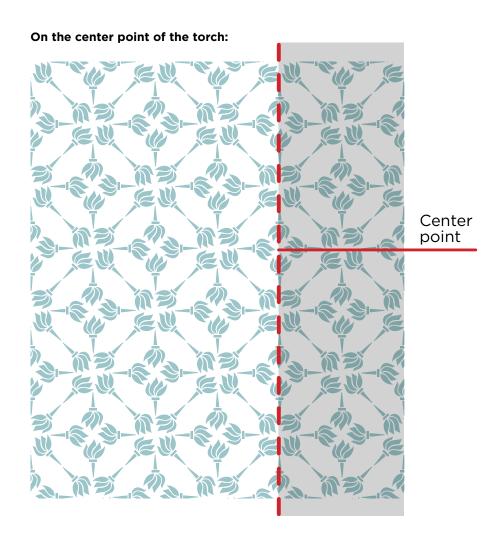


#### **Pre-set color combinations:**

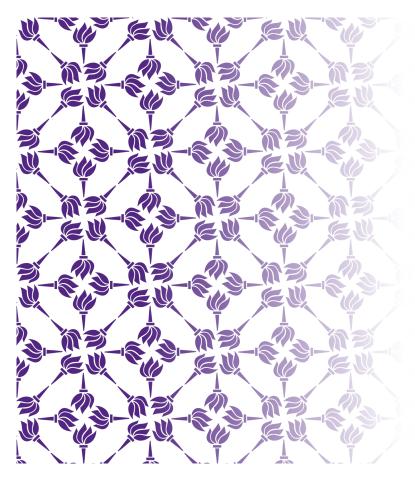


## > ARABESQUE PATTERN | CROPPING OPTIONS

The NYU Abu Dhabi arabesque pattern can only be cropped in two ways:



#### Faded to zero opacity:



Zero opacity

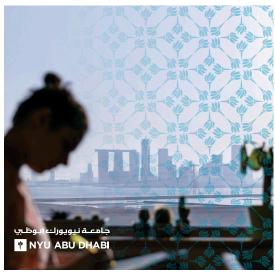
## > ARABESQUE PATTERN | EXAMPLES

## NETWORKING EVENT

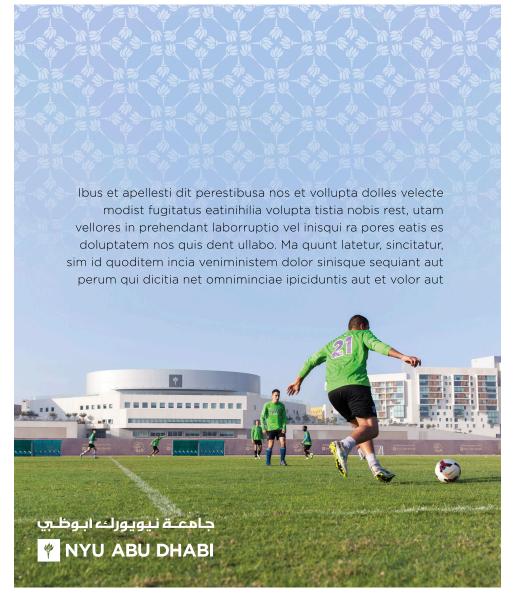
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# TYPOGRAPHY

## > TYPOGRAPHY | PRIMARY FONTS

#### **ENGLISH**

#### **Standard Print Fonts - English**

Gotham is the primary font and Mercury text is used for body copy only. It should be used when there is a long section of text.

#### To Purchase These Typefaces

Both typefaces can be purchased online, in single weights, from the Hoefler & Co. type foundry at **www.typography.com**. At this time, the University does not have an institutional license.

#### **ENGLISH ONLINE**

When working online, Gotham is the primary font. Mercury should never be used online, this is strictly for print.

#### **GOTHAM BOOK**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()?

#### **GOTHAM BOLD**

## ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()?

\*Also available in Gotham Extra Light, Light, Medium, Black and Ultra

#### MERCURY TEXT ROMAN

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()?

#### **MERCURY TEXT BOLD**

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()?

## > TYPOGRAPHY | PRIMARY FONTS

#### **ARABIC**

#### **Standard Print Fonts - Arabic**

When designing for print, TheSansArabic and Nassim Arabic are the two typefaces that comprise the NYU Abu Dhabi brand

#### To Purchase These Typefaces

The Sans Arabic can be purchased online, in single weights, from Lucas Fonts at

www.lucasfonts.com/fonts/thesansarabic/.

Nassim Arabic can be purchased online, in single weights, from Rosetta Type Foundry at **www.rosettatype.com/Nassim**.

At this time, the University does not have an institutional license.

#### **ARABIC ONLINE**

When working online in Arabic, Droid Arabic Naskh is the primary font. The Sans Arabic should never be used online, this is strictly the primary front for print. THESANSARABIC PLAIN

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## > TYPOGRAPHY | ALTERNATIVE FONTS

#### **ENGLISH**

For NYU Abu Dhabi administrators, staff, faculty, and students not directly involved with graphic design projects, widely available standard computer fonts have been chosen as substitutions to the primary fonts. The substitute for Gotham is Arial, and the substitute for Mercury is Georgia or Times.

The Arial font should be implemented for everyday use, such as writing letters, fax cover sheets, and simple desktop flyers and business forms.

Georgia or Times can also be used for text settings particularly when a more formal scholarly or traditional tone is needed.

GEORGIA REGULAR

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TIMES REGULAR

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz 1234567890!@#\$%^&\*()?

ARIAL

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**VERDANA** 

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LATO

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## > TYPOGRAPHY | ALTERNATIVE FONTS

#### **ARABIC**

For NYU Abu Dhabi administrators, staff, faculty, and students not directly involved with graphic design projects, Droid Arabic Naskh has been selected as the substitute for TheSansArabic and Nassim Arabic, and can be downloaded for free at

https://fontlibrary.org/en/font/droid-arabic-naskh.

DROID ARABIC NASKH REGULAR

**DROID ARABIC NASKH BOLD** 

# DEPARTMENT IDENTITY

### > DEPARTMENT IDENTITY | CREATING YOUR OWN LOGO

#### DO I NEED MY OWN LOGO?

As a general rule, NYU Abu Dhabi academic units, academic programs, internal services, and administrative departments are not permitted to have a unique logo. Individual logos at this level reduce the impact and effectiveness of the University's brand.

Logos for special events, research groups, or Student Interest Groups recognized by, affiliated, or funded by the University (secondary logos) are permitted. A unique logo can be used to mark special occasions such as annual events, campaigns, and anniversaries. The duration of the use of this logo is short-term, and promotes and identifies only this particular event.

The University logo, four torch emblem, and the Arabesque pattern MAY NOT be used — in part or whole — in the creation of the unique logo or graphic identifiers.

In cases where the NYU Abu Dhabi connection is not obvious to audiences, the NYU Abu Dhabi logo or a sentence identifying the relationship with NYU Abu Dhabi and its mission, should be included.

Alternatively, if these groups would like to create a close brand affiliation with NYU Abu Dhabi, they should use the violet, neutral, and accent palette, and/or the brand typefaces to create a visual connect with the University.

Groups seeking to create a unique logo or graphic identifier must request permission from the Office of External Relations and Communications' design team: **nyuad.design@nyu.edu** and must work with a professional designer, which will ensure that any secondary logo harmonizes with NYU Abu Dhabi visual identity standards.

## > **DEPARTMENT IDENTITY** | WORDMARKS

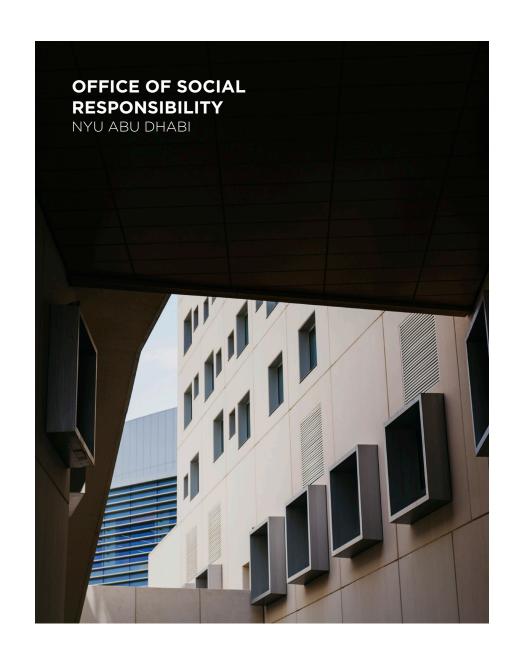
For internal communications and creative collateral meant for the NYU Abu Dhabi community and campus, using the primary logo is not necessary. The NYU Abu Dhabi department wordmark has been developed as a simple solution for your internal communication needs.

Your wordmark comes in three variations (left aligned, centered, and right aligned)

To request an official department wordmark, please contact nyuad.design@nyu.edu.

#### Benefits of using your NYU Abu Dhabi wordmark:

- Increased flexibility with creativity and design
- Fewer restrictions
- No color restrictions
- Acceptable to use on swag or apparel items
- Design team approval optional
- DO NOT use your NYU Abu Dhabi wordmark outside the community or off-campus, unless approved by the NYU Abu Dhabi design team
- Office name cannot exceed more than three lines



## > DEPARTMENT IDENTITY | WORDMARKS

Left aligned	ARTS AND HUMANITIES NYU ABU DHABI	OFFICE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NYU ABU DHABI	SPIRITUAL LIFE AND INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION NYU ABU DHABI
Centered	ARTS AND HUMANITIES NYU ABU DHABI	OFFICE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY NYU ABU DHABI	SPIRITUAL LIFE AND INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION NYU ABU DHABI
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## > DEPARTMENT IDENTITY | WORDMARK EXAMPLES

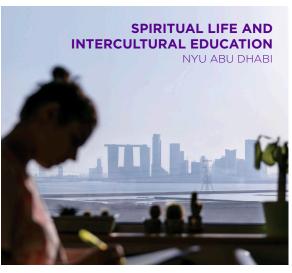
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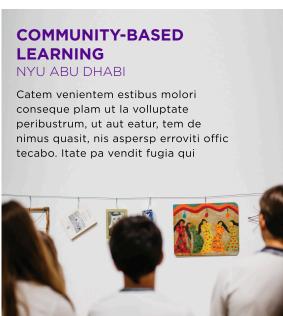
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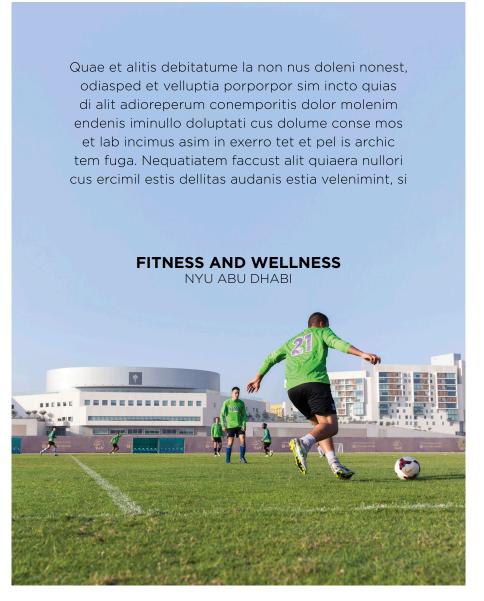
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# SOCIAL MEDIA

## > SOCIAL MEDIA | LOGO AND LOCKUPS

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA LOGO**

The social media logo is reserved for official University social media accounts only. If you would like to request to use the NYU Abu Dhabi social media logo please contact nyuad.design@nyu.edu.

**Note:** The torch should never be removed from the logo and used alone as an identifier in social media.

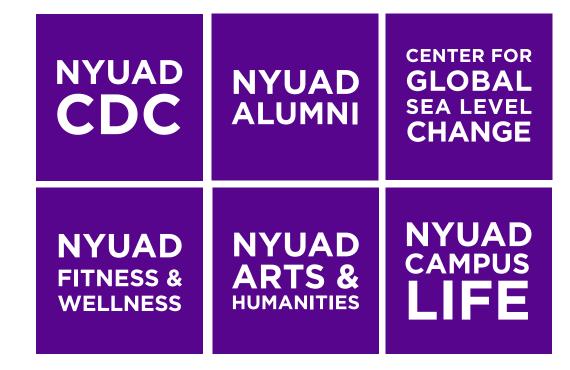


The official social media logo

#### SOCIAL MEDIA LOCKUPS

Having an NYU Abu Dhabi social media lockup is the best way to communicate your official connection to the University online.

If your office has its own social media channels, you can request an official NYU Abu Dhabi social media lockup. To do so, please send a request to nyuad.design@nyu.edu.



## **MERCHANDISE**

## > MERCHANDISE | OVERVIEW

Branded merchandise and giveaways are a great way to promote the NYU Abu Dhabi brand and can help leave a lasting impression on your audience. Every year the NYU Abu Dhabi logo is placed on a wide variety of merchandise—apparel, gift items, and sporting goods. Therefore, adhering to the University's brand guidelines is paramount.

#### **HOW TO REQUEST**

In order to protect the NYU Abu Dhabi brand and reputation, all NYU Abu Dhabi branded merchandise should be obtained from an approved vendor listed on the NYU Abu Dhabi approved vendor list. These suppliers have been vetted and registered by Procurement. Vendor exceptions can be requested at nyuad.design@nyu.edu.

#### **DESIGN REVIEWS**

Any use of the NYU Abu Dhabi primary logo, 4 torch emblem, Arabesque pattern, or department lockup must have prior approval from the design team before going to print. If your merchandise is not compliant, the design team can work with you to correct the design. Please send your design mock-ups to **nyuad.design@nyu.edu** for approval.



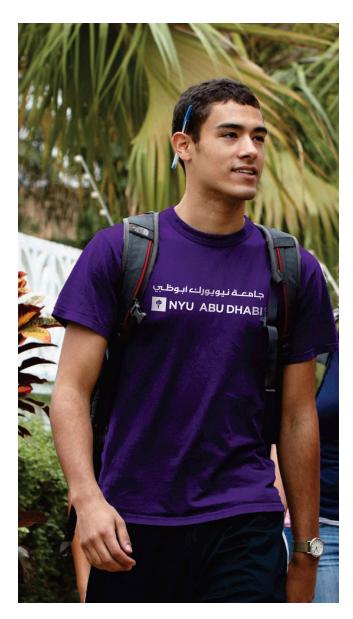
## > MERCHANDISE | EXAMPLES











## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

## > PHOTOGRAPHY | ART DIRECTION

Imagery should capture the NYU Abu Dhabi community in a way that demonstrates energy, enthusiasm, and excellence. The photography we use across University channels should be impactful, dynamic, and bold.

Our general approach to photography of the NYU Abu Dhabi community is a reportage style, capturing discreet and intimate moments across campus that create a cohesive and inspiring set of images.

Professional or institutional photos and videos should still feel dynamic and bold, but take on a more sophisticated feel. Staged portraiture should feel refined and polished with natural light used as often as possible.

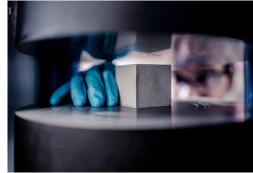


















## > PHOTOGRAPHY | COLOR OVERLAY

Color overlays are used for graphic impact when drawing in someone's attention or when a level of excitement is needed. This works well when tying together elements on a page or when type is needed over a photograph, adding legibility to the heading.

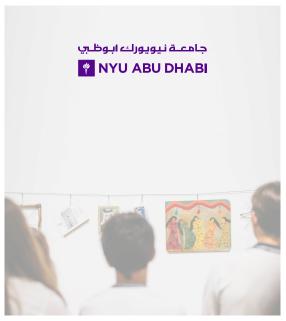
- The colors used in an overlay should strictly be from the NYU Abu Dhabi color palettes
- The use of color overlays should not significantly reduce the legibility of an image or heading



## > PHOTOGRAPHY | OVERLAY EXAMPLES









## **VIDEOGRAPHY**

## > VIDEOGRAPHY | OVERVIEW

Video is a dynamic medium for storytelling and an effective tool of communication. Facebook videos get more than eight billion views per day. People are twice as likely to share video content with their friends than any other type of content, and watch nearly 2.5 hours of online video daily. It is important that all NYU Abu Dhabi videography follow the University's guidelines to ensure audiences continue to engage and familiarize themselves with the brand.

For further information on how to get started, the videography guidelines, or for review and approval contact the team at: nyuad.video@nyu.edu.



## > VIDEOGRAPHY | ASPECT RATIO

#### **VIDEO ASPECT RATIO**

#### YOUTUBE

Only use a video aspect ratio of 16:9.

That includes the following resolutions:

- 1920 X 1080 (HD)
- 3840 X 2160 (4K)
- 7680 X 4320 (8K)
- These can be used for YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.
- Note: Only two minute long videos can be uploaded on a Twitter feed.

Avoid using any other aspect ratio that does not adhere to the ones listed above.

#### **INSTAGRAM**

When uploading as an Instagram post, follow a 1:1 (square) aspect ratio.

When uploading as an instgram story or IGTV, follow a 9:16 aspect ratio (1080 X 1920 or 720 X 1280)





#### **INCORRECT**

Wide-screen cinema: 2.39:1



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## > VIDEOGRAPHY | IDENTITY

#### LOGO

Pay attention when using the NYU Abu Dhabi logo. It is important to maintain the correct and appropriate use. Refer to the *LOGO chapter* for the complete guidelines.

Use the NYU Abu Dhabi logo in a digital format (RGB) in the primary violet, black or white on a solid or clean, and minimalist background.

#### **DEPARTMENT NAME**

When developing video content for external audiences, the main goal is the promotion of the University. As a result, use of the NYU Abu Dhabi logo alone is recommended. Include your department name as text to highlight an affiliation.

#### **FONT**

Ensure all text is legible, even on a small mobile screen. Using larger font sizes makes text easier to read.

Keep all text in black or white and only use dropshadow sparingly. Instead, experiment with different font weights such as medium or bold.

For further information on accepted fonts, refer directly to the *TYPOGRAPHY chapter*.





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## NAMES, TITLES AND CAPTIONS

Ensure all text in the video is legible, including when viewed on mobile devices.

- Video titles should appear at the beginning or within the first 15 seconds of the video. These should be big and clear
- If names and designations are not legible on the video's background, place within a NYU violet, black or white box
- Use captions in videos only when translating what a subject is saying. Place text against a black opaque box, it should be centered in the lowerthird portion of the screen
- DO NOT caption the entire transcript within the video. For more information on meeting the mandatory NYU Abu Dhabi accessibility guidelines, reach out to nyuad.public.affairs@nyu.edu
- DO NOT use a logo or the torch emblem in lowerthird titles
- **DO NOT** place caption text in the black space above or below the video frame. This will not be a problem if the video fits a 16:9 ratio.

## ✓ CORRECT





## **INCORRECT**

