BRAND GUIDELINES

NSU Florida



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Welcome to Shark Nation

A great brand promise tells an organization's story in a compelling way. NSU's brand promise guides everything we are and everything we do as an organization. It's the DNA that defines us—from students and parents to art patrons, alumni, donors, and community partners.

The NSU Edge is a carefully defined promise that expresses our essence today and provides an aspirational direction for the future. The premise is simple: NSU gives you a competitive advantage in your career, your community, and your life.

We have achieved a great deal over the years and as NSU continues to grow, it's more important than ever to ensure every milestone we reach and innovation we champion is expressed from a singular, consistent identity. When we embrace and live The NSU Edge promise, we will set ourselves apart. You are the key to this success, championing the Shark story to the world.

What This Guide is For

Anyone who communicates on behalf of NSU should find this book helpful and inspiring.

Web and social media managers will get a full understanding of how NSU should look and sound online.

Writers can draw inspiration when writing stories and choosing their words.

Designers will find everything they need—from typography, to color palettes, to photography and design elements—to bring their creations to life.

How Will This Book Help NSU?

Brands are the expression of an organization's culture, brought to life through compelling storytelling. This book will help NSU's brand thrive by inspiring each one of us to create these stories together. This book will lay out the tools to ensure that our voice is consistent and unified.

The Purpose of This Guide

To clarify

NSU has distinctive characteristics, advantages, and goals. You'll find them here.

To educate

You'll learn that there are key elements and ideas that we should aim to include in NSU communications whenever possible.

To inspire

The more advocates we have telling our story, the stronger our brand becomes. Our hope is that people on and off campus will get excited when talking about NSU. If you communicate on behalf of NSU, this book is for you. It provides the guidelines you need to help share NSU's story. From using the right typography and design elements to choosing the perfect words for crafting a story, this book will give you a full understanding of how NSU should look and sound in a variety of contexts.

NSU has distinctive characteristics, advantages, and goals. You'll learn the key elements and ideas that you should aim to include in your communications. For a brand to be successful, what we communicate should be unique, inspiring, and most importantly, authentic.

What Exactly is Positioning?

Positioning is how we want people to think of us. It's not just how we define ourselves or how we express it, but it should serve as the conceptual center of what we say and do. It's how we want people to feel and what we want them to remember when they hear the name NSU Florida.

What You Need to Know Before We Go On

Our positioning is a result of a strategic process that involved a deep dive into the minds of our most important audiences. We analyzed these findings to arrive at a clear positioning that will best represent NSU for years to come, based on quantitative and qualitative research.

Positioning

GET THE NSU EDGE: A REAL WORK / REAL LIFE ADVANTAGE

The NSU Brand Manifesto

Sharks are dominant.

They're strong, intelligent, fast, and adaptable. Sharks always prevail. It's no wonder these amazing creatures have been around for more than 400 million years. They don't just survive, they thrive.

At Nova Southeastern University, we create sharks. We give students the edge they need to become confident, capable, and caring professionals who can outsmart, outperform, and outlast their competition.

Preparing to dominate is not about winning or losing. It's about harnessing the best within yourself—from mastering a skill, to elevating the discourse, to leading a team, to raising the bar. It's about being the best possible you, and using that to inspire others on the job, in the community, in the relationships you build. It's about driving forward, and becoming an unstoppable force of nature.

At NSU, students don't just get an education; they prepare for real careers, real contributions, and real life. They may enter looking to take on the world, but they emerge prepared to dominate their own future.

Why You Should Believe In NSU's Brand

NSU's brand promise is to deliver an edge—a competitive advantage—to our students, as well as to our employees, alumni, donors, partners, employers, patients, and local communities.

- Studies at NSU are specifically designed to give each student practical, professional, immersive learning experiences.
- Students at NSU get personal attention from professors who are typically industry-experienced experts.
- Students are exposed to the professional community to develop skills and make valuable connections.
- Students graduate with a strong sense of direction and a portfolio of polished work and real-world skills that make them stand out when starting or advancing their careers.

The NSU Edge enables alumni and donors to be deeply engaged with the university and the community—to build their legacies in meaningful and personal ways. And we provide faculty and staff members with inspiring opportunities to positively impact students personally and professionally, while also pursuing their own professional development.

This is Our Positioning

If every message we convey and every story we tell comes from the same conceptual place, we will come across as a unified institution. This strengthens our brand and our credibility.

How Individual Colleges, Schools, and Departments Can Use This Guide

Consider how you'll apply NSU's positioning when speaking to your audiences.

Show through your communications how your college, school, or department give students an edge.

Use a consistent voice and look to these guides when choosing visuals for any communication you create.

Inspire those around you to tell NSU's story.

How Content Can be Crafted

Great brands have great personalities. A brand voice is how that personality comes across verbally. Sentence structure, word choice, and tone all create a distinct character that can only be NSU. The key is to use that voice consistently.



TONE OF VOICE

Tone Of Voice

The spirit of The NSU Edge—giving those connected to NSU a competitive advantage—should shine through in everything you write, even though you might not use those exact words. Your writing should be supported by proof points that show how The NSU Edge helps prepare people to dominate their chosen career path.

NSU's Shark voice is how our writing sounds inside someone's head when they're reading it. It is:

- confident, but not condescending
 smart, but not smug
- direct, but not dictatorial

- conversational, but not sloppy

Below are some choice words that convey the essence of our brand:

sharp

- adaptable
- edgy
- inspired
- recognized
- engaged
- clear
- quick
- refined

- dominant
- forward
- effortless
- appealing
- agile
- apex
- intelligent
- empowered
- forefront

- connected
- bold
- fast
- honed
- boundless
- lean
- competitive
- insightful
- upbeat

Good writing (at NSU or anywhere else for that matter) doesn't rely on clichés and trite phrases. It isn't flowery, and it isn't complicated. Make your writing simple and precise. You can't go wrong.

Like a swimming shark, there should be no wasted motion. Get to the point, cut needless words, and delete unnecessary information based on the audience you're writing for. Focus on the benefits to your audience. As a writer, your job is to make content understandable. Short words, short sentences, and short paragraphs make copy easier to read and comprehend. People don't have a lot of time to read through dense, complex paragraphs. Imagine yourself visiting a website or reading a brochure—you want the information you need quickly. When possible, tell your story through visuals and videos.

Being a university, NSU should sound intelligent while not seeming inaccessible. But we don't have to sound overly intellectual. Peer-reviewed academic and medical papers have their own guidelines issued by the journal or professional society to which they are being submitted. Otherwise, all NSU-produced copy should be easy to read and use the active voice.

Things to Avoid

- Clichés, talking too much about us (focus on benefits to audience)
- Too many stats (focus on benefits of those stats)

What Our Voice is Not

Arrogant
 Trite
 Sarcastic
 Pedantic



TELLING THE NSU STORY

Telling Brand Stories

The best brands engage their audiences with stories. Not "once-upon-a-time" stories, but stories that are personal and relatable. Stories that demonstrate how they will solve your problem and make your life better.

NSU brand storytelling should

- clearly establish what our brand is all about—our purpose, core values, and mission
- make a human connection that is both personal and widely relatable
- be honest, concrete, and easy to understand
- offer our audience more than just a tangible conclusion (a diploma or certificate), but rather show a unique experience that will enhance their life, their career, and their community
- motivate the audience to make that experience their own by being part of our brand

NSU. PREPARE TO DOMINATE.

NSU's Key Messaging

Sharks are dominant. They're strong. Intelligent. Fast. Adaptable. Sharks always prevail. It's no wonder these amazing creatures have been around for over 400 million years. They're survivors.

At NSU, we create Sharks. We mold students into professionals that outsmart, outperform, and outlast their competition.

We believe in learning in the classroom and in the real world. With programs like ExEL, you'll gain solid work experience to thrive anywhere. And with fast track to graduation, personal career coaches, and a vast network of national industry partners, you'll always have an edge. At NSU, you won't just get an education; you'll prepare for real careers and real life. You'll enter aiming to overcome the world, but you'll emerge with the skills to dominate it.

NSU. PREPARE TO DOMINATE.

Our Taglines

Our taglines highlight our key messaging and embody our brand promise. Taglines should always follow title case rules, with major words capitalized and minor words lowercased.

Prepare to Dominate.

Become a Force of Nature.

Don't Be Just Another Fish in Another School.

Welcome to the Top of the Food Chain.

Don't Just Graduate. Dominate.

Be the Big Fish in a Big Pond.

150 Degrees, 80-Degree Winters.

Headlines

Punctuation in headlines should be avoided in most cases. A few exceptions are when a headline asks a question, issues a call to action, conveys two separate thoughts, or has a comma in the middle of it.



WAYS TO USE THE BRAND

HUIZENGA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MASTER MORE THAN BUSINESS.

nova.edu/business

PREPARE TO DOI



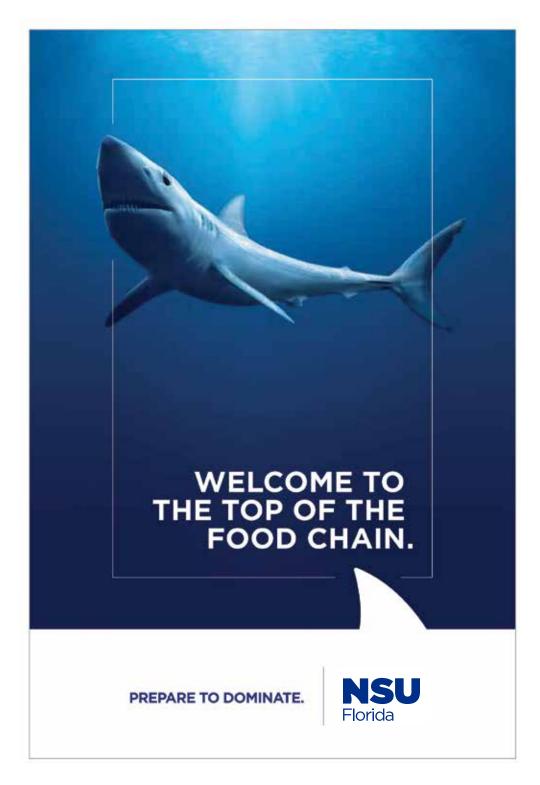
WE PUT THE EDGE IN EDUCATION.

Prepare to dominate.



Our Advertising

Our message is "Get the NSU Edge"—the vehicle with which we deliver that message is the "Prepare to dominate" campaign. As detailed in the manifesto, "Prepare to dominate" draws inspiration from the make shark: a fierce, focused, and relentless force of nature. Use these cues to craft communications that bring "Prepare to dominate" to life, drawing parallels between the shark's traits and the student's ambitions, without being overly visceral or aggressive.









Airport Advertising

Print Advertising



OUR IMPACT IN FLORIDA IS SKY-HIGH.

Our economic impact in the state is currently \$3.7 billion and projected to grow to \$5 billion by 2025. And with over 5,000 employees, NSU Florida is also one of the largest private employers in South Florida. Find out how you can help impact our community at nsufflorida.com. PREPARE TO DOMINATE.

BE A

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

FORCE OF NATURE.

NSU Florida

Billboard





WHAT BEATS A SCHOOL NEXT TO THE OCEAN? A SCHOOL IN THE OCEAN

where passionate professors and researchers collaborate with undergraduate and grad students alike. Enhance your science courses with field work, research projects, and volunteer efforts that contribute to environmental needs and health care innovations. Shark research, coral reef restoration, turtle conservation, climate change, and biodiversity

published or conduct independ study work that makes them st out to postgraduate schools an employers. Accelerate your stud

NSU Florida

WHEN YOU'RE

A SHARK, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT.





150 DEGREE PROGRAMS. 80 DEGREE WINTERS.



As part of the Nature Club, I help with beach cleanups and maintaining NSU's medicinal garden. For me, it was NSU or a school in Hawaii, and I chose here!"



Brochures



NSU Florida

Infographics

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THE NSU WORDMARK

Primary Wordmarks

These identity marks should be your first choice for representing NSU to broad, public audiences. NSU's wordmark is a custom letterform and cannot be replicated through typesetting. There are two variations of the wordmark.

Please remember: Other color variations may exist and are approved on a caseby-case basis. Contact your marketing department if you have specific questions. Wordmarks are available for download at **nova.edu/wordmarks**.

Stacked



PMS 287



Black



White

Horizontal

NSU Florida

PMS 287



Black



White

Alternative Wordmarks

In special cases, these identity marks can be used where Nova Southeastern University is not immediately known and where the context for the university has not been established in text or other visual components. There are two variations of the lock-up.

Stacked







Horizontal







Allowed Color Variations



PMS 287



Black



White

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Wordmark Lock-ups

The university wordmark is the basis for lock-ups that position college names and certain recognized NSU organizational entities with the university mark. These should be used when the context of the communication is specific to the college or entity.

Please remember: These lock-ups are not typically necessary on digital ads or on the web, as most NSU websites include the header bar with the name of the university.

Requests for new lock-ups need to be approved by the Division of Public Relations and Marketing Communications. Please see sample marks on the next page.

College Lock-ups Stacked Samples







College Lock-ups Horizontal Samples











Available College Lock-ups

Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice

College of Dental Medicine

College of Computing and Engineering

College of Optometry

College of Pharmacy

College of Psychology

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

Farquhar Honors College

H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Halmos College of Arts and Sciences

Health Professions Division

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing

Shepard Broad College of Law

Institutional Lock-ups Stacked Samples



UNIVERSITY

Florida

Center for Executive Health Education NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY



Institutional Lock-ups Horizontal Samples



Center for Executive Health Education NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY **NSU** Florida

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Available Institutional Lock-ups

Alan B. Levan NSU Broward Center of Innovation

AutoNation Institute for Breast Cancer Research and Care

Center for Collaborative Research

Center for Executive Health Education

Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine

Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research

Library Lock-ups Stacked Samples



Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**



Tampa Bay Regional Campus Library **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN** UNIVERSITY



Library Lock-ups Horizontal Samples

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center nova southeastern university | Florida



Tampa Bay Regional Campus Library nova southeastern university | Florida



Oceanographic Campus Library **NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY**



Available Library Lock-ups

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center

Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library

Oceanographic Campus Library

Panza Maurer Law Library

Tampa Bay Regional Campus Library

Regional Campus Lock-ups Stacked Samples







Regional Campus Lock-ups Horizontal Samples



Jacksonville Campus NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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Available Regional Campus Lock-ups

Fort Myers Campus

Puerto Rico Regional Campus

Jacksonville Campus

Tampa Bay Regional Campus

Miami Campus

Miramar Campus

Orlando Campus

Palm Beach Campus

Athletics Logo

The NSU athletics logo is restricted to use by NSU's Athletics Department or for other sport-related activities. It cannot be used to represent NSU as a university or to represent other NSU organizational or academic entities.



The Presidential Seal

The NSU Presidential Seal is restricted to correspondence from the President's office and official documents, such as diplomas and legal documents. The seal may also be used in select permanent installations on campus as approved by the Office of the President and the Division of Public Relations and Marketing Communications. It is the most formal academic brand expression of NSU.



Spacing Around the Wordmark

When using additional text near the NSU wordmark, please assure there is at least the width and/or height of the "N" character between the mark and the text. Use only Gotham Bold font, set in uppercase letters. For example







Wordmark Don'ts

A few rules are necessary for maintaining the integrity of NSU's brand:

- Don't rotate, skew, or distort logos or wordmarks in any way.
- Don't add text decorations (e.g. drop shadows, shapes, and outlines).
- Don't change the colors of any elements of the wordmark.



Do not stretch or distort the wordmark in any way.



Do not stretch or distort the wordmark in any way.



Do not re-create the wordmark.



Do not change the size of the graphic elements in the wordmark.



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Do not add additional graphic elements to the wordmark.



Do not remove or rearrange the graphic elements of the wordmark.



Do not add promotional slogans to the wordmark.



Do not enclose the wordmark inside of a shape or box.



Do not position the wordmark on an angle.



Do not reproduce the wordmark in any unauthorized colors.



Do not use the wordmark as book ends.



Do not outline the wordmark.



Do not use distracting special effects like drop shadows.



Do not use the wordmark as part of a sentence or in body copy.



Do place the wordmark on distracting backgrounds.



Do not place the wordmark o a clashing or dark background (use the white wordmark instead).



Do not change the position of the graphical elements of the wordmark.



Do not crop the wordmark.



Do not change the color of any characters in the wordmark.



Do not use the wordmark in a pattern.









Do not use the old mark with the sunburst in any of it's forms.

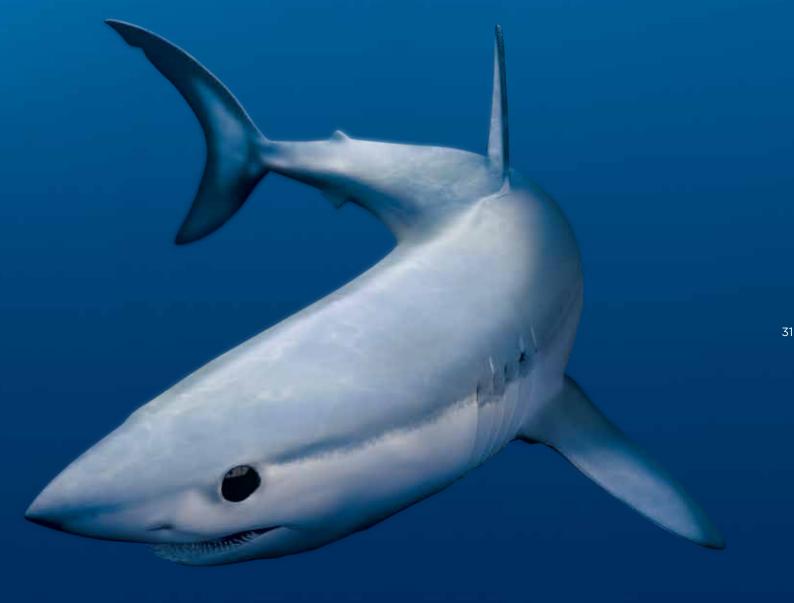


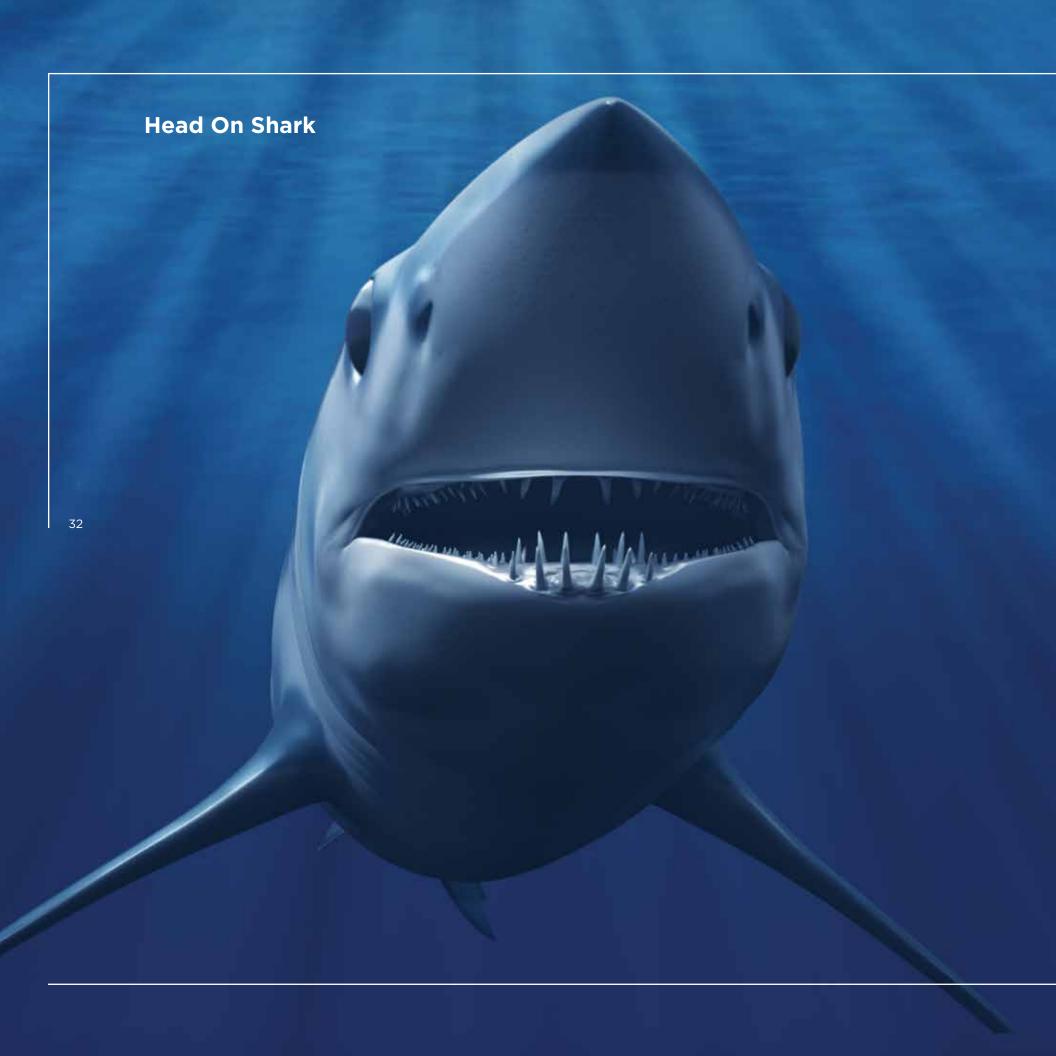
OUR SHARKS

The Sharks

The most powerful image that represents NSU is the make shark. Do not use any other type of shark. The make shark images you see in this book were rendered from a 3-D model and are available for use upon request. Other shark variation usage is covered on page 40, 62, and 63. If you need one of these sharks for a specific purpose, please contact your marketing department.

Caring Shark





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The Horizon Line Fin

Sometimes, just a hint of shark is enough. The make fin can be used when you don't have the room for the full shark or when you want a more elegant element. The fin can be a bridging element to connect two sections of a page or can work as a visual way to lead the viewer's eye from a headline to a compelling payoff. It can also be used to draw attention to the NSU logo within a piece of advertising or collateral.

The make fin should never intrude on the visually important areas of a photograph or illustration. It should only appear in one color, using one of the primary NSU brand colors. Since the fin is designed to match the shape and curvature of an actual make, do not skew, distort, or rotate the fin in any way.

When using the fin in a design, it's important that the bottom of the fin always be connected to another element, seeming as if a full shark is peeking through.

The fin should never be floating on its own in a final design piece.



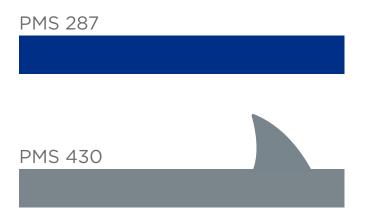


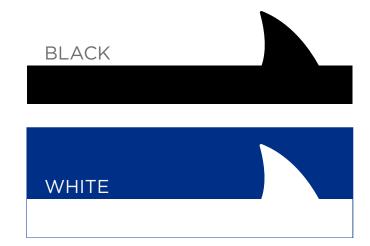
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BLACK

PMS 430

WHITE





Mako Fin Examples











Primary Colors

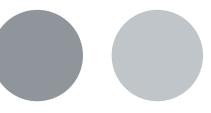
The university's primary colors are NSU Blue (PMS 287C) and NSU Gray (PMS 430C). Use these colors at 100 percent opacity whenever possible. NSU Blue should be present on all visual communication materials whenever possible.











MAIN NSU BLUE
Pantone: 287
CMYK: 100-81-0-23
RGB: 0-42-132
Hex: #002A84

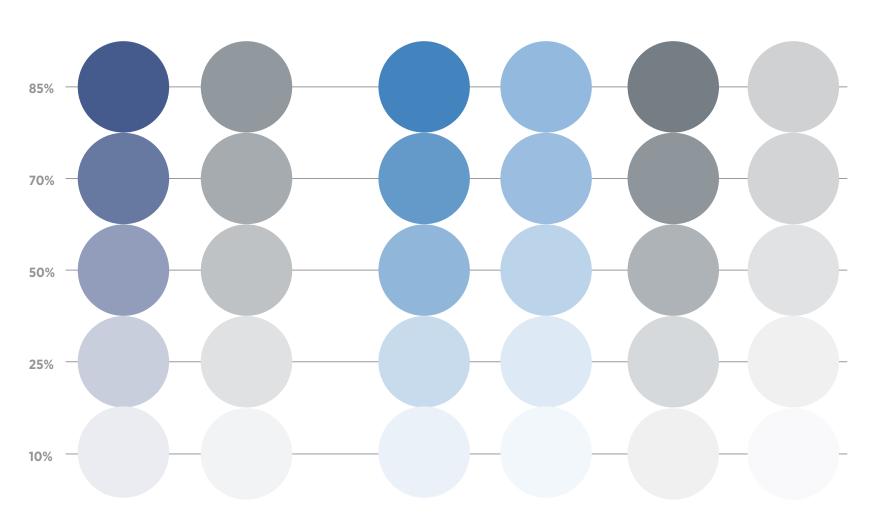
MAIN NSU GREY
Pantone: 430
CMYK: 50-34-27-11
RGB: 118-130-138
Hex: #76828A

MID BLUE
Pantone: 285
CMYK: 90-47-0-0
RGB: 0-110-204
Hex: #006ECC

LIGHT BLUEPantone: 284
CMYK: 54-19-0-0
RGB: 102-169-228
Hex: #66A9E4

DARK GREY
Pantone: 431
CMYK: 63-45-34-25
RGB: 187-194-198
Hex: #54616B

Pantone: 428 CMYK: 21-13-8-0 RGB: 187-194-198 Hex: #BBC2C6



Secondary Colors

The secondary palette is inspired by colors found on our campuses and the university's tropical setting: the sun, sand, blue skies, seas, and palm trees. Their transparency can be screened back to the percentages shown. Colors from NSU's secondary palette can be used for one-line calls to action or website buttons. See NSU's web style guide for additional guidance on using the color palettes for web applications.



SUNRISE GOLD

Pantone: 130 CMYK: 0-32-100-0 RGB: 239-163-0 Hex: #EFA300



HIBISCUS ORANGE

Pantone: 021 CMYK: 0-74-100-0 RGB: 253-76-0 Hex: #FD4C00



PALM GREEN

Pantone: 390 CMYK: 20-0-100-8 RGB: 177-187-0 Hex: #B1BB00



TROPICAL OCEAN

Pantone: 326 CMYK: 81-0-38-0 RGB: 0-173-166 Hex: #00ADA6



FLORIDA SKIES

Pantone: 3115 CMYK: 70-0-13-0 RGB: 0-189-211 Hex: #00BDD3



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Neutral and Metallic Colors

This color palette features a muted version of our secondary colors, for when a softer feeling is necessary. It is meant to enhance a design in a more subtle way. Color transparency can be screened back to the percentages shown.

Metallics can be used as an accent or full flood of color when you want to enhance a design or elevate the tone of the project.



SANDY BEACH

Pantone: 155 CMYK: 0-13-35-0 RGB: 236-206-156 Hex: #ECCE9C



SEA FOAM GREEN

Pantone: 557 CMYK: 48-10-36-3 RGB: 127-172-151 Hex: #7FAC97



SUNSET RED

Pantone: 487 CMYK: 0-37-31-0 RGB: 231-164-145 Hex: #E7A491



WARM STONE

Pantone: 413 CMYK: 25-17-22-0 RGB: 182-183-175 Hex: #B6B7AF



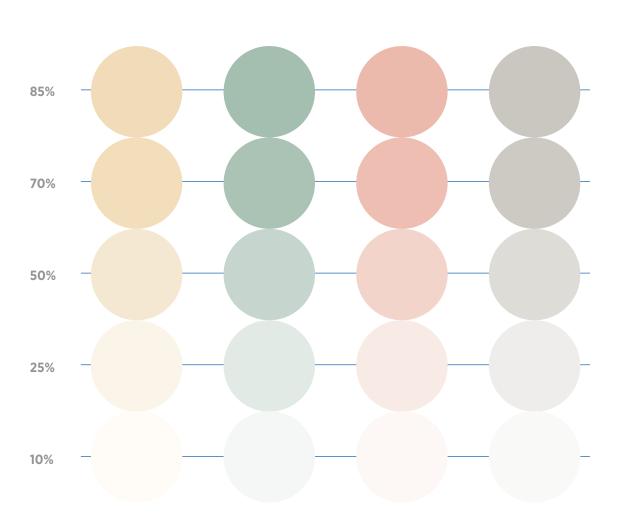
METALLIC SILVER

Pantone: 877 CMYK: 45-34-34-0 RGB: 141-144-147 Hex: #43464A



METALLIC SHARKSKIN BLUE

Pantone: 8201 RGB: 103-137-156 Hex: #003A53



PRIMARY FONT

Gotham | GOTHAM

Book

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !"\$\$%&/()=? @€

Medium

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Bold

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Gotham Narrow | GOTHAM NARROW

Book

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ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !"§\$%&/()=? @€ Gotham is complemented by Goudy, a serif typeface that is more traditional. Goudy is available in five typefaces: Goudy, Goudy Italic, Goudy Bold, Goudy Bold Italic, and Goudy Extra Bold. Goudy should not be used in digital applications.

COMPLEMENTARY SERIF FONT

Goudy | GOUDY

Medium

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !"\$\$%&/()=? @

Bold

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 1234567890 !"\$\$%&/()=? @

For the web, use Montserrat typeface in place of Gotham. Montserrat is a similar, yet web-friendly, font that is freely available on most devices and ADA compliant. If you do not already have Montserrat installed on your computer, you can download it for free online.

WEB FONT

Montserrat | MONTSERRAT

Book

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Medium

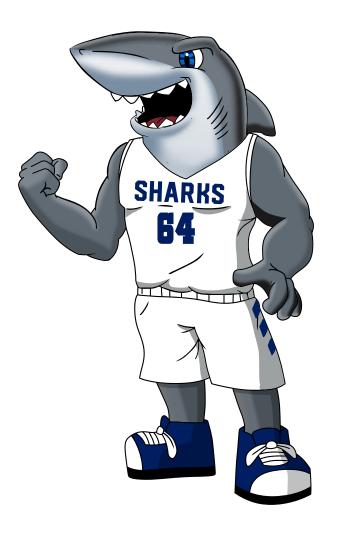
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DESIGN ELEMENTS





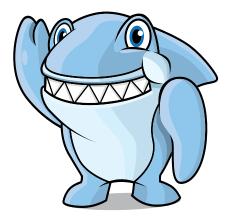
Standing pose

Flag pose

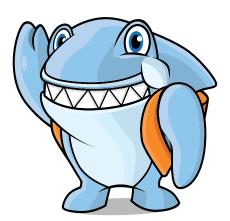
Sharkey Mascot Vectors

Sharkey is the heart and soul of NSU: a welcoming mascot whose goal is to help kids make positive associations with NSU's library, as well as encourage library card usage.

Vectors should not be rotated, skewed, or distorted in any way. Do not change the colors of any vectors.



Waving pose



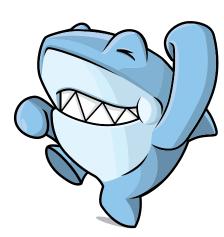
Waving w/book bag pose



Standing w/book bag pose



Cheering w/book bag pose



Cheering pose



SIGNAGE AND STATIONERY

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On-Campus Signage

Nobody will tell our story with more conviction and passion than our students and staff. That's why it's important that the materials they receive and the signs they see on campus reflect our brand in a simple and powerful way. This material should get them excited to talk about NSU.

Be sure to follow the guides in this book to provide a consistent look, feel, and voice.



NSU Florida



Balcony Banners

Pole Banners









































NSU Florida

DON'T JUST GRADUATE. DOMINATE.

NSU

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BECOME A FORCE OF NATURE.

> NSU PIORIGIA PIORIGIA POMINATE.

> > NSU

ORCE OF NATURE.

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Stationery

NSU stationery supplies are designed to proudly show our Shark personality in a dignified manner befitting an academic institution. Stationery has been created to work as a unified set.

Please do not create your own letterhead or other stationery items. Do not scan approved stationery to alter it or personalize it.

NSU uses Ariba, a simple, online ordering system for stationery that meets our brand guidelines.



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Email Template

Your email signature is your opportunity to make a good first impression as a representative of NSU. NSU has a simple Email Signature Generator available at nova.edu/brand/signature.

The Email Signature Generator helps us maintain a professional and consistent look.

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PHOTOGRAPHY





Portraits

Portraits of NSU students, faculty members, athletes, and stakeholders serve two main purposes:

- 1. They feature the person being photographed.
- 2. They give the reader or viewer context as to the subject's significance in NSU's brand story.

Keep backgrounds relevant, but simple and graphic. Don't be afraid of negative space—use it to tell the story of the subject. Whenever possible, aim to highlight NSU's sense of community by capturing people in pairs or groups.

Attributes that make our photos memorable consist of

- the inclusion of something blue (in wardrobe and/or environment)
- interaction and engagement between subject and peers
- interesting and unusual camera angles and perspectives











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Lifestyle

The NSU experience is fresh and extraordinary, and our lifestyle imagery should reflect that.

Resist the conventional. If it looks like an image that you would find in materials for any college, avoid it. Look for the more interesting composition, arresting angles, and unique backgrounds to create a signature NSU look.

Like in the portraits, there should be a touch of blue whenever possible.





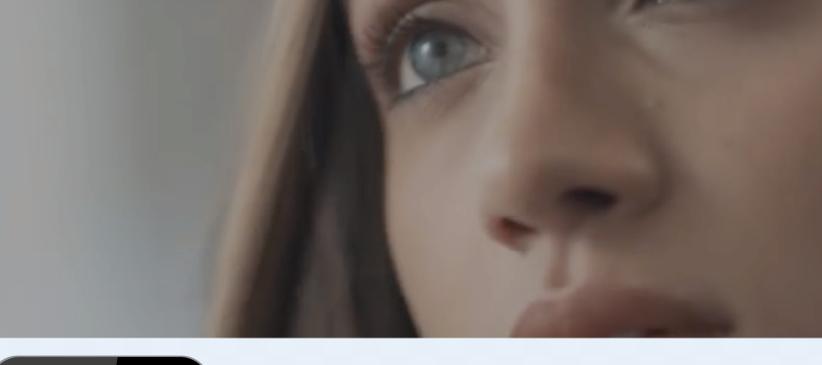








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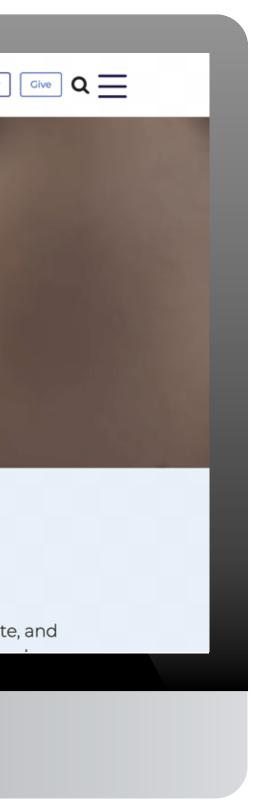


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Web

NSU's websites offer a wide range of content, information, and resources. You may be charged with curating or maintaining NSU-branded websites for your college, department, or other administrative unit. All NSU websites should be accessible, compelling, and consistent with the university's brand guidelines.

When developing a website, you should:

- Identify your target audience and map out website goals.
- Create web page content with proper semantic structure (for example: formatting headlines in order of importance and using bulleted or numbered lists as appropriate).
- Use compelling images that depict the written copy (hands-on, engaging images work best) and short videos (one minute or less is recommended) to optimize storytelling.
- Consistently use alt text for images and caption videos whenever possible.
- Create content keeping search engine optimization (SEO) best practices in mind (this means knowing what keywords your audience is searching for on Google).
- Consider what metrics will be measured and analyzed.

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Social Media

Social media provides endless opportunities to promote the NSU brand and to tell the NSU story through various channels in an immediate and powerful way.

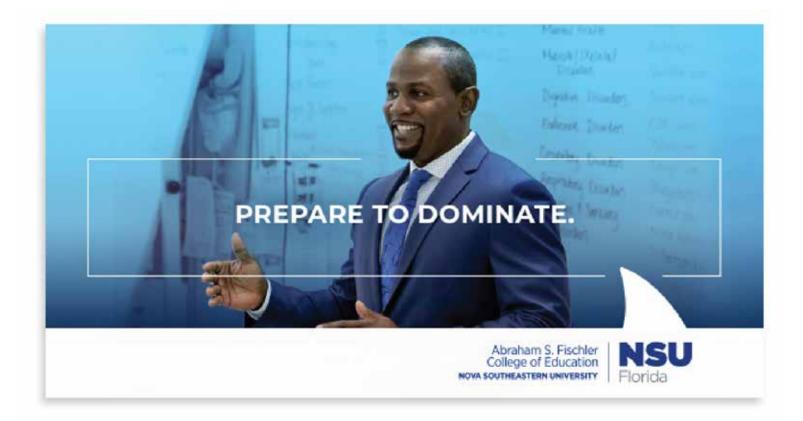
Here are some things to remember when you are posting on one of NSU's social media accounts.

- Follow NSU guidelines for tone of voice and photography.
- Double check grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
- Don't comment on political or social issues, except in support of NSU's official stance.
- When in doubt, double check with a supervisor about post content.
- Don't share confidential information about NSU or members of the NSU community (students, faculty and staff members or alumni).
- Follow all social media guidelines and always consult with PRMC before creating a new account. Guidelines are posted at *nova.edu/social*.





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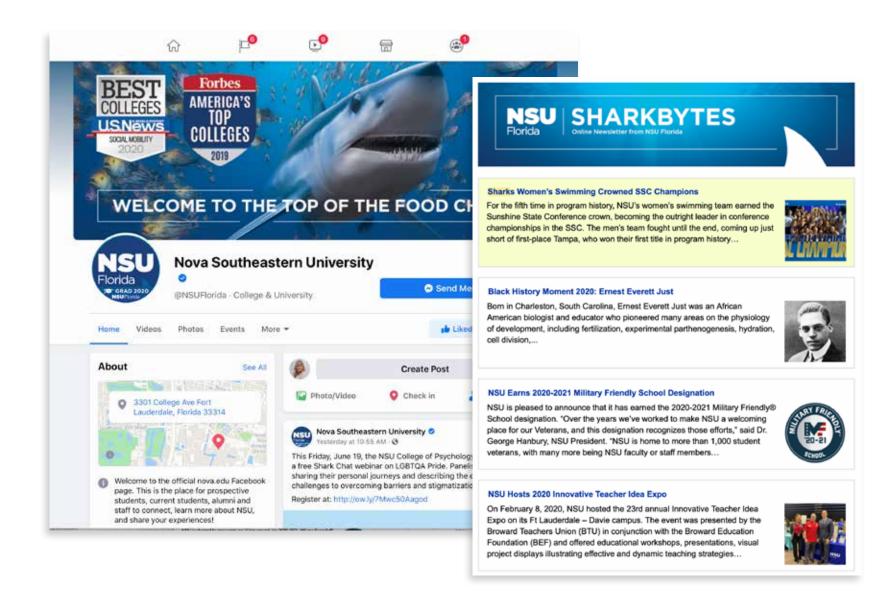
Some great ideas for post content include

- events
- college achievements
- student/alumni achievements
- campus pride
- athletic achievements
- motivational quotes
- faculty spotlights
- hands-on coursework
- volunteering

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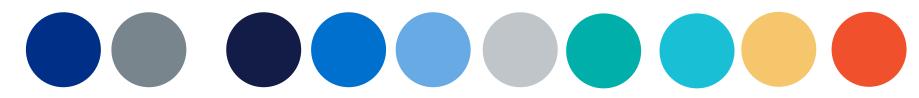
Resources for post content include

- NSU's Newsroom: news.nova.edu
- SharkFins Student eNewsletter: sharkfins.nova.edu
- SharkBytes Faculty and Staff eNewsletter: sharkbytes.nova.edu
- The Current: nsucurrent.nova.edu
- NSU's Alvin Sherman Library: nova.edu/community/libraries



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Web Color Palette



MAIN NSU BLUE MAIN NSU GREY Pantone: 287 Pantone: 430 CMYK: 100-81-0-23 CMYK: 50-34-27-11 RGB: 0-42-132 RGB: 118-130-138 Hex: #002A84 Hex: #76828A

DARK BLUE Pantone: 2766 RGB: 10-19-73 Hex: #0A1349

MID BLUE Pantone: 285 RGB: 0-110-204 Hex: #006ECC

LIGHT BLUE **LIGHT GREY** Pantone: 284 Pantone: 428 CMYK: 100-87-0-58 CMYK: 90-47-0-0 CMYK: 54-19-0-0 CMYK: 21-13-8-0 CMYK: 81-0-38-0 RGB: 102-169-228 RGB: 187-194-198 RGB: 0-173-166 Hex: #BBC2C6 Hex: #66A9E4

TROPICAL OCEAN FLORIDA SKIES Pantone: 326 Hex: #00ADA6

Pantone: 3115 CMYK: 70-0-13-0 RGB: 0-189-211 Hex: #00BDD3

SUNRISE GOLD Pantone: 130 RGB: 239-163-0 Hex: #EFA300

HIBISCUS ORANGE Pantone: 021 CMYK: 0-32-100-0 CMYK: 0-74-100-0 RGB: 253-76-0 Hex: #FD4C00

