Merchandise Guidelines for Student Organizations

All student organizations that use university funds and/or desire to purchase merchandise that includes a GW institutional mark must follow the below guidelines and process. University funds are defined as any monies that are associated with any GW sponsored/managed/affiliated bank or spending account. Examples of “merchandise” include, t-shirts, hats, pens, backpacks, mugs, etc.

**ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR MERCHANDISE**

**VERBIAGE AND LOGO USAGE:**
All merchandise must include the language “The George Washington University,” “GW” or one of the logos in at least one prominent location, e.g., back, front, pocket or sleeve.

The registration mark symbol ® must appear in the lower right area of the GW verbiage or logo. For merchandise versions of the GW logos, please email LTP@gwu.edu.

**LOGO COLORS:**
The logos can only appear in the following colors.

**INSTITUTIONAL:**
- **PMS 302**
- **PMS 7503**

**ATHLETICS:**
- **PMS 282**
- **PMS 7502**

**PRODUCT AND EMBROIDERY COLORS:**
We strongly encourage product colors to come from the university’s color palette or be in a neutral color (white, grey, black).

**INCORRECT LOGO USAGE:**
The GW marks must be used in their entirety and may not be altered in any way, shape or form.

- **Do not add drop shadows or any other graphic effects**
- **Do not use unapproved color configurations**
- **Do not change the typeface of any part of the logo**
- **Never overlap anything on top of the GW logos**
ARTWORK GUIDELINES FOR MERCHANDISE, CONTINUED

LOGO CLEAR SPACE:
A minimum amount of clear space must surround the GW logos at all times.

MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENTS FOR LOGOS:

STUDENT ORGANIZATION NAME ON MERCHANDISE:
Merchandise must include the organization name and University name or mark as described above. How the organization is registered with the university in Engage is how the organization should identify on the merchandise.

Merchandise for GW club sport teams that also have a varsity team within GW Athletics must include “Club” preceding the sport/team name (e.g. Club Baseball, Club Basketball, Club Tennis). If there is no varsity team in GW Athletics “Club” may be omitted from the name on merchandise (e.g. Men’s Volleyball, Rugby, Ultimate Frisbee).

Merchandise for political student groups must include the prefix “GW Students for…” (e.g., “GW Students for Candidate Name” and not “GW for Candidate Name”).

PROCESS

SELECT MERCHANDISE AND AN APPROVED VENDOR:
The approved vendor list can be found at creativeservices.gwu.edu/licensed-vendors. Please reach out to the vendors for timelines, product selection and pricing. In addition, we now have multiple vendors that can help your organization set up fundraising sites, visit our website for more information.

DESIGN YOUR ARTWORK:
Follow the Artwork Guidelines for Merchandise above.

GET ARTWORK APPROVED:
Contact the GW Licensing and Trademarks Program either by submitting online at creativeservices.gwu.edu/artwork-approval-form or emailing LTP@gwu.edu.

• All artwork submitted to the GW Licensing and Trademarks Program is subject to review for both conformance to the above guidelines and content. All artwork content will be reviewed by the GW Licensing and Trademarks Program, in consultation with the Division of Student Affairs, to ensure compliance with GW policies.
• If the GW Licensing and Trademarks Program does not approve artwork, student organizations will receive a written explanation and, if appropriate, an opportunity to resubmit artwork for approval.

ENFORCEMENT

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS PRINTING MERCHANDISE WITH GW TRADEMARK NAMES OR LOGOS THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR MERCHANDISE BY GW’S LICENSING AND TRADEMARKS PROGRAM WILL INCUR THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES:

FIRST OFFENSE:
Warning letter from the Division of Student Affairs and Licensing and Trademarks Program.

SECOND OFFENSE:
Student organization officers, along with any members involved in the design or ordering of the merchandise, will be required to attend a training on marketing, merchandise and using the GW licensed trademarks.

THIRD OFFENSE:
The student organization will suffer a loss of financial privileges for the equivalent of one semester (14 weeks).

FOURTH OFFENSE:
The student organization will become unregistered with the George Washington University and will have to wait the equivalent of one semester (14 weeks) to re-register as a student organization.