



Campus Outdoor Sign Plan

2026 Edition

Introduction

The university recognizes the need for a comprehensive, coordinated system of campus outdoor signage. This subject plan describes the intent and implementation of the Campus Plan's "Principle 2: Open-space Framework, Landscape Features sub-principle (b):

The purpose of signage on campus is to ensure safety, provide direction, and provide information about campus departments and events. Every effort will be made to limit signage on campus with the understanding that some signage is essential to support the university's mission.

This plan does not intend to supersede any existing university or city policies. Including the UO Building Naming Policy.

Outdoor signs fall into two categories:

1. Campus Standard Sign Designs

- Building Identification Signs
 - Primary Entrances
 - Secondary Entrances
- Traffic and Parking Signs
- Campus Map Stations
- Trespass Sign
- Landscape Information

2. All Other Outdoor Signs

- Exceptions
 - Temporary Signage
 - Existing Signs
 - Construction Site Signs
 - Outdoor Sports Facilities

Implementation

All design changes to campus standard signs (e.g., new logo, typeface, etc.) shall be implemented in a coordinated manner, area by area, to avoid a mismatched appearance. All new construction and signage upgrade projects shall specify the campus standard sign design, and adjacent areas shall be converted at the same time whenever possible.

Maintenance

The university is committed to developing a program of maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair of outdoor signs on a systematic, continuous basis and will continue to seek adequate funding for this activity.

Campus Standard Sign Designs

Building Identification Signs - Standard Design

- **Purpose:** Building identification signs identify buildings and not the programs housed within a building unless specific and unique characteristics of the building or program require such identification.

This policy does not restrict interior building directory signage, which is encouraged. Building directory signs are to be inside the building and should be located near main entrances or major circulation spaces.

Primary Building Entrance Signs:

- **Design:** A standard design for primary building entrances was reviewed and approved by the Campus Planning Committee at its June 5, 1997 meeting (see drawing on page 3). The designs of individual signs that meet this standard do not require review. The Office of Campus Planning is responsible for reviewing proposals for building entrance signs to determine if standards for the overall sign design (material, size, shape, color, information conveyed, etc) have been met. Campus Planning will determine when specific or unique circumstances require text other than the building name (or approved abbreviated name) and official Building Complex name on a standard sign. Campus Planning may refer this decision to the Campus Planning Committee.

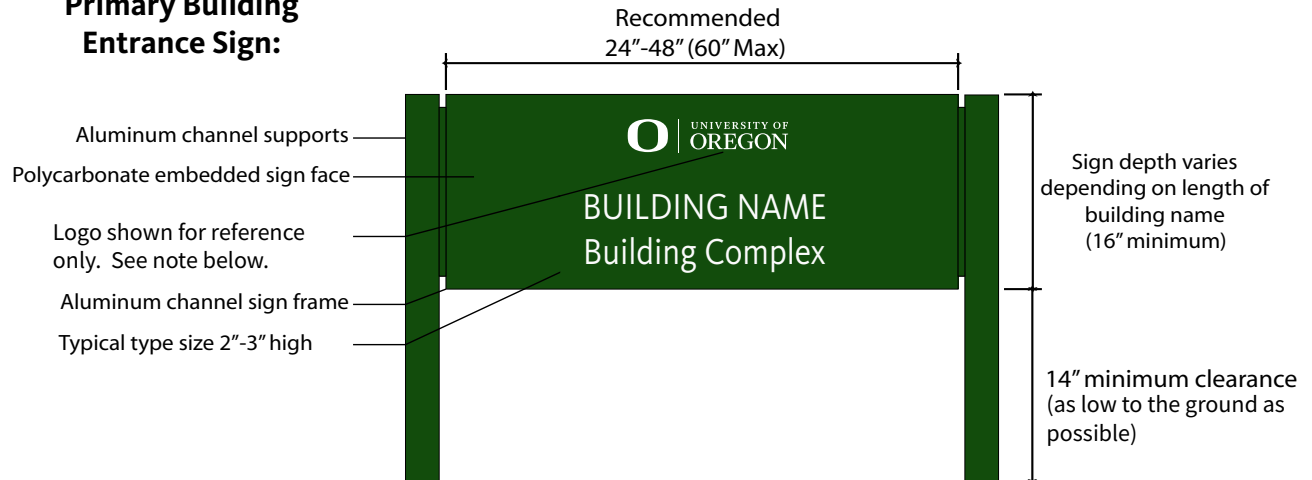
University Communications is responsible for establishing typography and logos. Refer to the Implementation section on page 1, which describes the requirement for a consistent and comprehensive implementation approach when changes are proposed.

- **Placement:** The placement of building signs shall be determined by Campus Planning and the Facilities Services Landscape Supervisor in consultation with the project sponsor.
- **Production/Installation:** All standard building signs shall be designed by University Communications and produced and installed by Facilities Services. Also refer to the Implementation section on page 1.

Secondary Building Entrance Signage:

- **Design:** Discreet lettering applied to the glass surface above or adjacent to the doorway. Usually only the building name is appropriate.
- **Placement:** The placement of secondary building entrance signs shall be determined by Campus Planning.

Primary Building Entrance Sign:



- Construction: Aluminum channel supports with embedded polycarbonate sign face, filled with rigid insulation.
- Logo: All signs must include the UO logo as approved by University Communications.
- Text: Building name (or approved abbreviated name) on first line and building complex name on second line, centered on sign face, below UO logo.
- Size: Lettering and sign faces sized according to requirements of each location (see notes above).
- Color:
 - Background (PMS 3435C)
 - Logo and lettering (white, unless lettering is brass or bronze).
 - Supports (Tiger Drylac RAL 6005 PowderCoat 49/50670).
- Typography: As approved by University Communications— Building name in upper case (when possible) and building complex name in upper/lower case. Ensure compliance with "Implementation" section.

Traffic and Parking Signs: Standard Design

- **Purpose:** Informational signs such as traffic signs, for which there is a commonly understood convention, are to be designed and installed in accordance with the appropriate convention.
- **Design:** A uniform signage program and sign design for vehicular traffic and car parking were reviewed and approved by the Campus Planning Committee at its August 6, 1998 meeting and modified at its July 11, 2012 meeting to incorporate a smoke/tobacco free university message and at its May 11, 2021 meeting to update the standard design (see photos below and refer to meeting records for additional information). The designs of individual signs that meet this standard do not require review. Campus Planning is responsible for reviewing sign proposals to determine if standards for the overall sign design (material, size, shape, color, information conveyed, etc.) have been met. Specific content will be determined by Transportation Services. University Communications is responsible for establishing typography and logos. Refer to the Implementation section on page 1, which describes the requirement for a consistent and comprehensive implementation approach when changes are proposed.
- **Placement:** Individual signs that are part of this uniform signage program do not require review.
- **Production/Installation:** All traffic and parking signs shall be designed by University Communications and produced and installed by Transportation Services. Refer to the Implementation section on page 1.

Vehicular Traffic and Car Parking Signs:

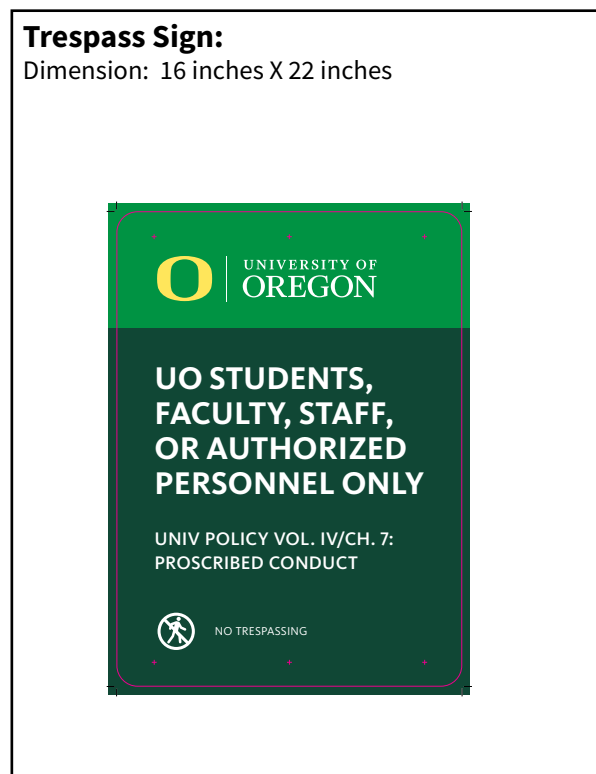


To be used where a higher visibility sign is needed at restricted parking (i.e. reserved parking, loading zone areas, service vehicle parking, etc.)

- Contact UO Transportation Services for vehicular traffic and car parking sign specifications, which were approved by the Campus Planning Committee (May 11, 2021).

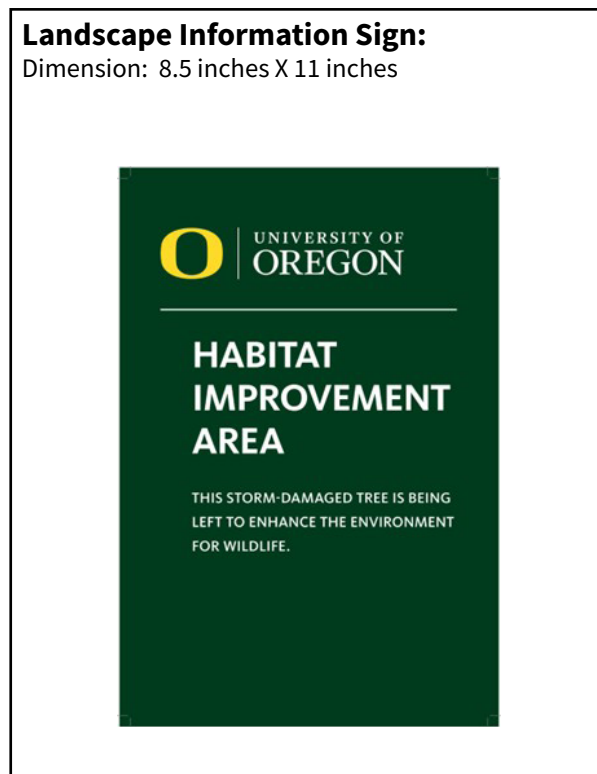
Trespass Sign: Standard Design

- **Purpose:** To provide the University of Oregon Police Department (UOPD) the ability to trespass unauthorized people from campus more effectively and the ability to follow up with prosecution. Because the campus is generally open to the public, UOPD is limited in being able to immediately trespass people unless it is established that a person would know they are not authorized to be on campus.
- **Design:** A standard trespass sign design was reviewed and approved by the Campus Planning Committee at its October, 2023 meeting (see drawing below and refer to the meeting record for additional information). Campus Planning is responsible for reviewing sign proposals to determine if standards for the overall sign design (material, size, shape, color, information conveyed, etc) have been met. University Communications is responsible for establishing the standard design, typography, and logos. The General Counsel office is responsible for the specific text on the sign. Refer to the Implementation section on page 1, which describes the requirement for a consistent and comprehensive implementation approach when changes are proposed.
- **Placement:** It is important that signage on campus contributes to a campus that is welcoming to all, while providing for a safe campus. Trespass signs are intended to be used at locations on campus clearly not intended for typical use by the public, for example service areas, residence hall courtyards, and bike parking not generally used by the public. It is generally not acceptable to place trespass signs on buildings. Placement of trespass signs should be reviewed by Campus Planning and may be referred to review by the Campus Planning Committee.
- **Production/Installation:** Trespass signs shall be produced and installed by Facilities Services, except at Housing facilities. Housing shall produce and install signs at Housing facilities.



Landscape Information Sign: Standard Design

- **Purpose:** The university campus is a living laboratory. Landscape information signs have the potential to bring an awareness to the campus which supports the educational mission of the university. In particular, the university’s natural areas (Willamette and Millrace) provide an opportunity to educate people about the ecological functions that make these spaces important and unique. To ensure consistency, and establish expectations on where these signs are appropriate, a campus standard design is included in the Outdoor Sign Plan.
- **Design:** University Communications is responsible for establishing a standard design, typography and logos. The sign should be 8.5” x 11”. The content may include text or images.
- **Placement:** Landscape information signs are appropriate within campus natural areas and select landscape areas across campus. Examples of appropriate landscape areas are stormwater gardens, pollinator gardens, and habitat areas. Placement and maintenance of signs will be coordinated within Campus Planning and Facilities Management. Placement shall be reviewed and approved by Campus Planning. Consistent with the Outdoor Sign Plan, the number of signs in use at any given time should be limited and not detract from the character of campus. Requests for signs should be submitted to Campus Planning.
- **Production/Installation:** Landscape Information signs shall be produced and installed by CPFM Facilities Services. The signs shall be metal and durable for exterior conditions.



All Other Outdoor Signs

All proposals for exterior signage not covered by the campus standard designs described above shall be reviewed according to the criteria stated below and approved on a case-by-case basis in a manner authorized by the Campus Planning Committee (exceptions noted below). This includes but is not limited to banners and sandwich boards.

- **Review Criteria:** All outdoor signage not covered by one of the campus standard designs or not listed as an exception (see below) shall meet the following criteria:

1. Content – The Campus Planning Committee does not regulate the specific text or graphics* of signage on campus except that the content must be related to a university event, organization, or department. No commercial advertising is allowed.
2. Purpose – The need for signs differing from a campus standard design must be justified. The purpose of signage on campus is to ensure safety, provide direction, and provide information about campus departments and events. Every effort will be made to limit signage on campus with the understanding that some signage is essential to support the university’s mission.
3. Overall Design and Location – All signage on campus shall be compatible with the character of the campus, in particular with the immediate surroundings. All applicable *Campus Plan* policies and patterns and, when applicable, already approved standards for signs shall be followed.

* *Note: While the graphic design is not a criterion for Campus Planning Committee approval, all signs must comply with the university’s graphic design standards as defined by University Communications.*

- **Exceptions:** The following exceptions are NOT subject to Campus Planning Committee (CPC) review**:

1. Temporary Signage** – Signs, including but not limited to banners (feather, building mounted, etc) and sandwich boards that are up for 30 days or less and are related to a university event, organization, or department are not subject to CPC review. No commercial advertising is allowed.
 - A location that is consistently or seasonally occupied by a changing banner/sign is not considered temporary and is subject to review. A sign is “seasonal” if it is installed for more than 30 days each year on a continual basis.
 - Sandwich boards set out daily and taken in every evening are not considered temporary if they are displayed for more than 30 days. In all cases, sandwich boards cannot block any pathways or damage the landscape.
2. Existing Signs – Signs currently in place that were previously reviewed and approved in a manner described in this document are grandfathered in until such time as a replacement sign is required. This includes pole banners in previously approved locations. Signs that were not approved can come into compliance by submitting for review.
3. Construction Site Signs – Signs related to construction activity that are required or informational (for example, a main project directory listing the architect and contractors, emergency information signs, directional signs for deliveries, and signs required for safety) are not subject to review. Such signs should be appropriately located.
4. Outdoor Sports Facilities – Signs located within outdoor sports facilities, such as Autzen Stadium and Hayward Field, that are not visible from the exterior of the facility (i.e., they are intended to be viewed from the inside of the facility) are not subject to Campus Planning Committee review.

** *Note: Temporary signs/banners are subject to university policies and procedures regulating temporary outdoor uses. Please contact EMU scheduling and Event Services. For policies regulating sign content and logo use, please contact University Communications.*

Amendment and Edit History

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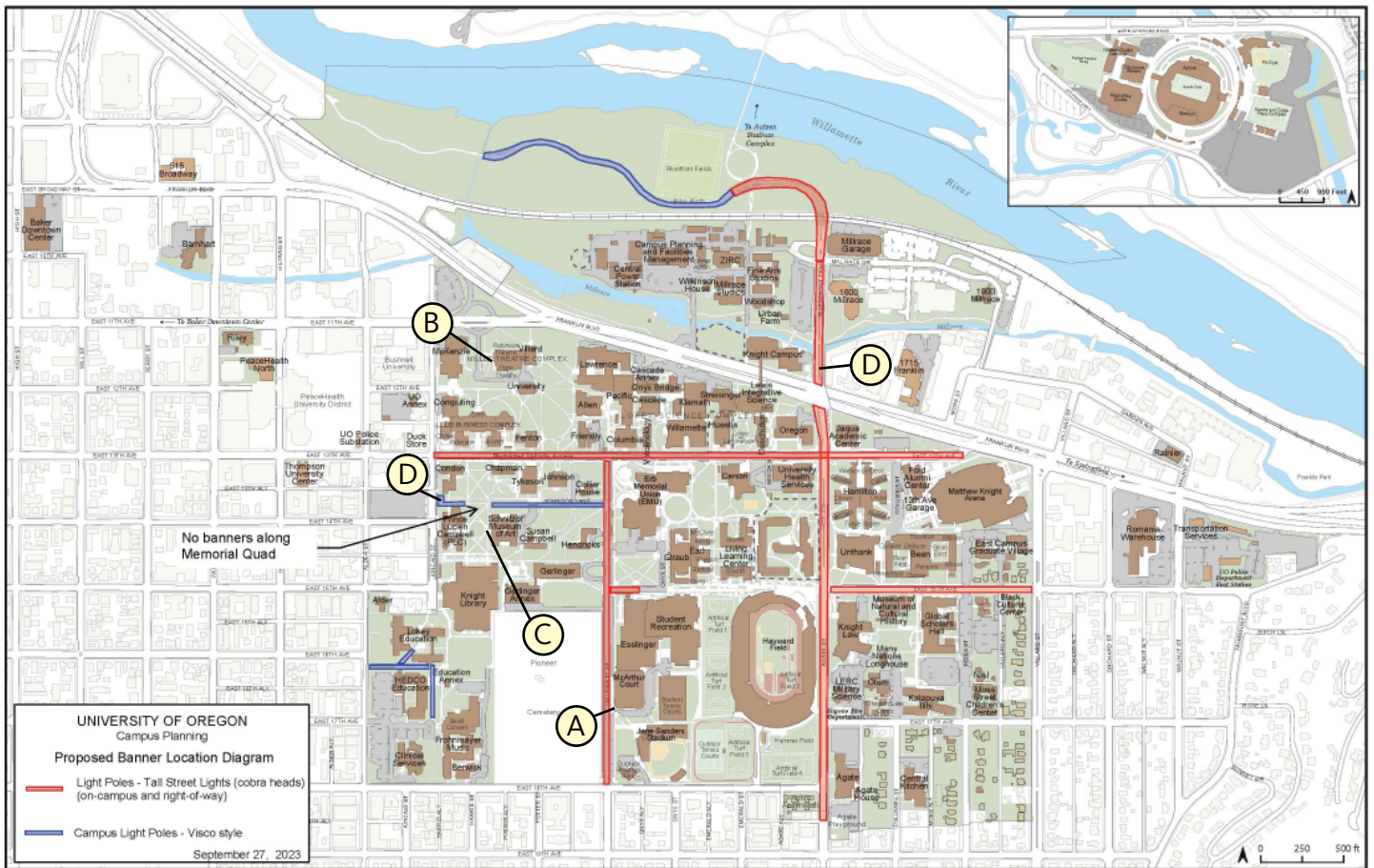
Edited February 2025 (update primary building sign color to PMS 3435C)

Amendment approved April 17, 2026 (established campus standard Landscape Information Sign)

Appendix A: Approved Banner Locations

The following locations have been reviewed by the Campus Planning Committee for the installation of banners.

- (A) MacArthur Court
Seasonal banner allowed year-round with a break from June to mid-August
CPC 07/26/00; modified at CPC 11/17/05
- (B) Miller Theater
Seasonal banner to announce theatrical events; banners should not remain up more than two weeks past the end of the season
CPC 07/24/07
- (C) JSMA
Two large banners to announce major shows (approximately 4 times a year, three to four weeks each time)
CPC 06/12/08
- (D) Light pole banners
Refer to below diagram for approved banner locations on pedestrian light poles (blue) and on street lights (red)
CPC 10/20/23



Note: UO Event and Scheduling services manages temporary banners at the EMU and the banner that crosses 13th Avenue