

Style Guide Quick Tips

As the reflection of an institution of higher education — and the largest Christian university in the world — all materials representing Liberty University should demonstrate a spirit of excellence. Accuracy and consistency are important. When every piece of promotional material across our website and across our campus is consistent, the university has a cohesive and unified feel. Thank you for helping us maintain this spirit of excellence and unity.

Basics:

- Always run spell check
- Always double-check the names of people and places for accuracy
- Check for extra, missing, or wrong words
- Verify that days and dates are accurate (make sure Monday, Oct. 9, is actually Monday, not Tuesday)

Times:

- Always use numbers, not words
- Do not use :00 with times; simply use the hour, such as 8 a.m. or 4 p.m. (no change to hours and minutes: 6:30 p.m. 9:15 a.m.)
- Always use a.m. and p.m. with periods
- When space allows, please use "noon" for 12 p.m. and "midnight" for 12 a.m.

Dates:

- When a month is used with a specific date, abbreviate only Jan., Feb., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec.
- Always use Arabic figures, without st, nd, rd, or th.
- If space allows, please use the standard format of Sept. 14

Buildings and Room numbers:

- Guests who are unfamiliar with our campus will only know building names that are consistent with campus maps please refer to buildings by their names on the map
- Use figures and capitalize "Room" when used with a figure: Room 100, Room 2.
- Common rooms:
 - Montview Student Union, Alumni Ballroom
 - Green Hall, Room 1880
 - DeMoss Hall, Room 1100

For further information on Liberty's style and standards, please refer to the Editorial Style Guide on the Marketing webpage or email FinalQC@liberty.edu.

