



# KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY SIGNAGE STANDARDS

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The intent of this document is to improve overall wayfinding schemes at KPU by providing consistency in visual appearance and continuity in information presentation.

To ensure uniformity with the brand of the University, all new signage will adhere to KPU's Graphic Standards Manual in their logo, colour and typography usage.

In compliance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) regulations, KPU standard signage are designed to have a non-glare finish, san-serif type style, high contrast in colours between the characters and their background, and tactile characters and braille for permanent room identification signs.

## OVERVIEW

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The following sections describe and illustrate KPU's standard signage system and its proper application.

Through comparative product evaluations, **Vista System** has been identified as KPU's standard signage system for its functionality, fabrication and adaptability.

Vista System is a series of modular sign frame holders that are comprised of three components: **lens**, **insert** and **frame**.

### LENS (THE COVER)

non-glare plastic that protects the insert

### INSERT (THE INFORMATION)

changeable and customizable

### FRAME (THE HOLDER)

curved front that holds insert in place



## STANDARD SIGNAGE CATEGORIES

Vista System can be divided into four categories: **wall**, **projecting**, **suspended** and **miscellaneous signs**. Each category is intended for specific usage with recommendations on locations, standard sizes and installation methods. For other signage needs and inquiries, email [facilities.signage@kpu.ca](mailto:facilities.signage@kpu.ca)



**WALL**



**PROJECTING**



**SUSPENDED**



**MISCELLANEOUS**

## WALL SIGNS

### PURPOSE

- Room Number Identification
- Information Posting
- Directory

### STANDARD SIZES

Small: 6" x 6", 8.5" x 11"

Large: 20" x 36", 24" x 48", 36" x 36"

### ORIENTATION

Portrait or Landscape

### INSTALLATION

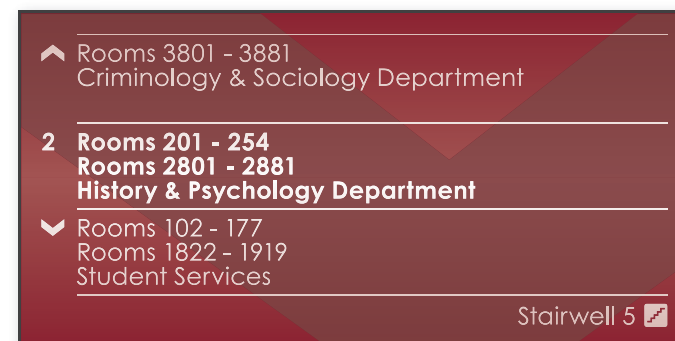
Screw or adhesive-mount to drywall, brick or concrete.  
Adhesive-mount to glass only.



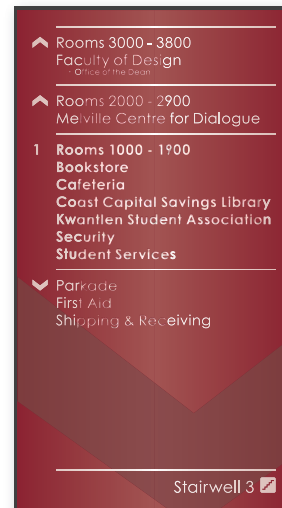
6" x 6"  
Room Number



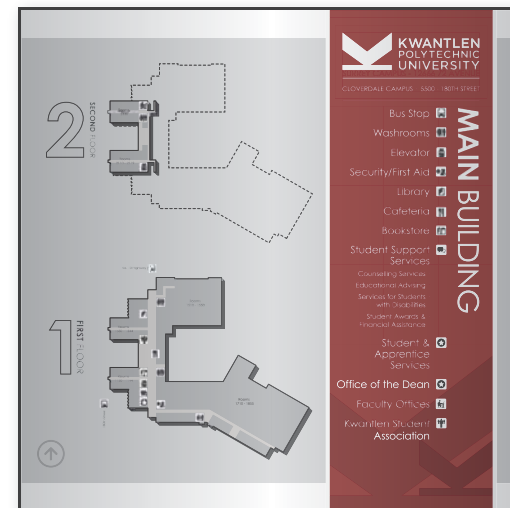
8.5" x 11"  
Office Hours



48" x 24" (Landscape)  
Directory



20" x 36" (Portrait)  
Directory



36" x 36"  
Directory with Wayfinding Map

## PROJECTING SIGNS

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### PURPOSE

- Departmental Identification
- Services or Facilities Identification

### STANDARD SIZES

Small: 12" x 12"

Large: 24" x 24"

### ORIENTATION

Perpendicular to wall surface.

### INSTALLATION

Screw-mount to drywall, brick or concrete only.

Not suitable to install onto glass.

CEILING



Fine Arts  
Department

12" x 12"  
Departmental  
Identification

CEILING



Student  
Services

24" x 24"  
Services  
Identification

## SUSPENDED SIGNS

### PURPOSE

- Directional

### STANDARD SIZES

Small: 30" x 8.5"

Medium: 60" x 16"

Large: 84" x 24"

### ORIENTATION

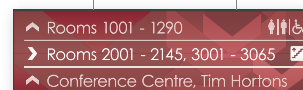
Landscape only.

Perpendicular to line of traffic.

### INSTALLATION

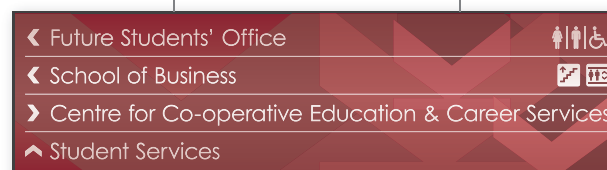
Suspended with clips from T-bar ceilings or hooks attached to drywall ceilings.

CEILING



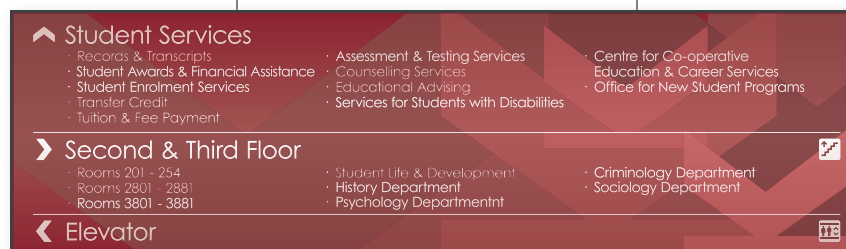
30" x 8.5"  
Suitable for  
Corridors or  
Low-Height  
Ceilings

CEILING



60" x 16"  
Suitable for  
Walkways or  
Medium-Height  
Ceilings

CEILING



84" x 24"  
Suitable for  
Atriums or  
Tall-Height  
Ceilings

## MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS

### POST SIGNS

#### PURPOSE

- Information Posting

#### STANDARD SIZES

Small: 8.5" x 11"

Large: 11" x 17"

#### ORIENTATION

Portrait only.

Post signs are movable.

### TABLE STAND SIGNS

#### PURPOSE

- Name Identification
- Information Posting

#### STANDARD SIZES

6" x 2", 8.5" x 11"

#### INSTALLATION

No installation required for post and table stand signs.

