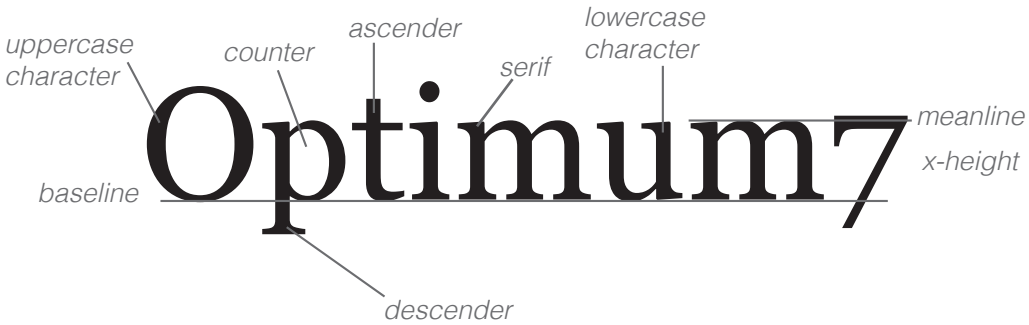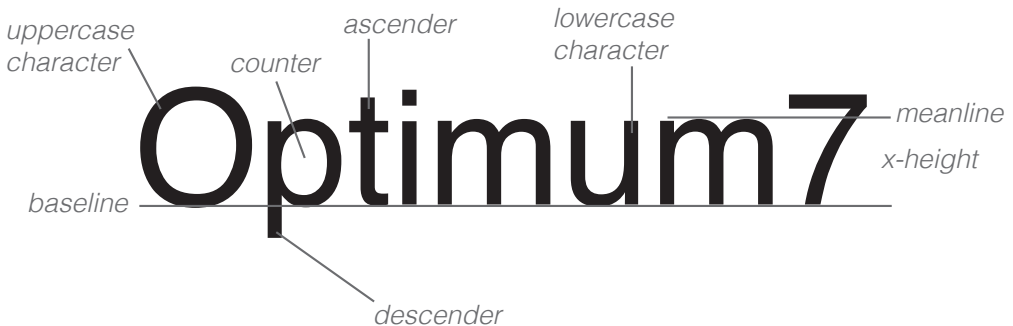### *Glossary of Terms*

*1.   **Baseline**: The imaginary line on which all the capitals and most of the lowercase characters appear to stand.*
*2.   **Meanline**: The imaginary line that marks the top of lowercase letters lacking ascenders.*
*3.   **Ascender**: The part of the lowercase letter that rises above the x-height.*
*4.   **Descender**: The part of the lowercase letter that falls below the baseline.*
*5.   **Counter**: The enclosed or hollow part of the letter.*
*6.   **Serif**: The short stroke that projects from the ends of the main strokes. Not all type has serifs; type without serifs is called sans serif, which is French for "without serif."*
*7.   **X-Height**: The height of the body, or main element, of the letterform. The x-height is actually the height of the lowercase x.*

Uppercase and lowercase serif characters.

Uppercase and lowercase sans serif characters.