

Dress Code Policy for Students

The purpose of this policy is to provide students with general dress coded parameters. It is not intended to be overly prescriptive but is designed to ensure decorum appropriate to a university environment.

Students are expected to maintain a professional appearance that supports a respectful learning environment and reflects the standards of their intended profession. Appropriate attire is required for all classes, laboratories, simulations, presentations, field experiences, cafeteria and other professional activities/settings.

The following expectations apply:

1. Clothing should be clean, neat, and appropriate for an academic and professional setting. Attire that is excessively revealing, excessively tight, transparent, or otherwise inconsistent with a professional environment is not appropriate or any other apparel or appearance that may be distracting in the classroom (as deemed by the administration) is not permitted. Examples include, but are not limited to, clothing that exposes the midriff, chest, undergarments, tops that show cleavage or excessive portions of the chest, back or sides.
2. Hats, bonnets, head scarves, caps, hoods, du-rags, bandanas, sunglasses, and other non-religious or non-medically required head coverings should be removed while in the classroom or cafeteria unless they are required for documented medical, religious, cultural, or University-approved purposes.
3. Clothing displaying profanity, discriminatory language, sexually explicit content, or images or messages promoting violence, illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other inappropriate material is prohibited.
4. Pants, skirts, dresses, and shorts should be worn in a manner that is appropriate for a professional educational environment. Clothing should fit properly and not expose undergarments or other private areas. Excessively short shorts, swimsuit bottoms, body suits, sleeveless undershirts, and similar casual garments are not appropriate for professional classroom settings. T-shirts worn as dresses and sagging pants are not permitted. Baggy or loose fitting pants must be worn with a belt that fits around the waist.
5. Undergarments must be worn in an appropriate manner and not visible. Clothing with rips, tears, and/or holes that expose underwear or inappropriate parts of the body are not permitted..
6. Footwear must be appropriate for the instructional setting. No bedroom shoes or skates allowed in the classroom or cafeteria setting.
7. Faculty may establish additional dress requirements for courses involving laboratories, clinical experiences, internships, field placements, simulations, or presentations to ensure compliance with professional, accreditation, safety, or agency standards.

Students who do not comply with the course dress expectations will be asked to correct the issue before participating in class activities. Repeated failure to adhere to the dress expectations may

result in being asked to leave the class for that session and may be addressed in accordance with applicable course and University policies.

Questions or disputes about the appropriateness of a particular mode of dress for the time, occasion or place should be referred to the Dean of Students.