

Detailed Dress Code

(1) General Notes on the Dress Code

The ultimate goals of WCC's dress code are to emphasize respect for the beauty and dignity of each person as a member of our community and respect for the kind of work/activity one is engaged in. The dress standards for our community reflect the academic and western aspects of our college.

In order to accomplish our goal, our two focal points are the professionalism appropriate to academic pursuit in a Western context and the virtue of modesty. We recognize that our standards for professionalism do not completely match expectations for corporate attire and that modesty is a virtue that will be exemplified differently on everyone. However, our dress code strives to promote the basic norms of each for the sake of our academic community.

(2) Classes of Dress

Formal Dress is the highest class of dress, and, as such, it is used for some of the most important events of a spiritual or academic nature. It is utilized for Sunday and Holy Day Masses or Divine Liturgies, formal dinners, lectures, dances, and other specified events.

Classroom Dress is the normative dress for the regular activity of the College proper.

Casual Dress is the minimum standard of dress. It is utilized for all times when Formal Dress and Classroom Dress are not in effect.

(3) Important Clarifications and Recommendations for All

- Dress code always applies on campus and at any place where College-sponsored activities take place (e.g., outdoor trips, the gym, the pool, etc.).
- Informal coats, sweatshirts, or jackets are not to be worn in the classroom.
- If a top is stylistically see-through (e.g., a knit sweater), it must be worn with an appropriate top beneath. Clothing should not reveal underwear.
- Shirts or pants with unpatched tears are not allowed for any reason. Patched clothing is not allowed for Formal Dress or Classroom Dress.
- Shirts or pants should not be skin tight or look stretched when standing.
- Shorts must be longer than the length of one's fingertips with the arms at their sides.
- Denim clothing items such as jeans must be non-faded and khaki, dark blue, or black in color for Classroom Dress. The requirement for non-faded jeans is waived for Horsemanship Class so long as the jeans still look presentable.
- It is unacceptable to be barefoot inside academic buildings or Frassati Hall's refectory at any time.
- Sleeping attire is never permitted in public spaces.

(4) Men's Dress Code

Links are provided showing examples for items of the higher dress classes

Formal Dress Requirements

- Suit or [Sport Coat](#)
- [Collared, long-sleeved button down Dress Shirt](#)
- [Bolo Tie](#), [Neck Tie](#), or [Bow Tie](#)
- [Dress Slacks](#)
- Dress Belt
- Dress Socks
- [Dress Shoes](#) or non-scuffed [Western Riding Boots](#)

Classroom Dress Requirements

- [Collared](#) Shirt
- [Dress Jeans](#) or Slacks
- Dress Belt
- Dress Socks
- [Dress Shoes](#) or non-scuffed [Western Riding Boots](#)

Casual Dress Requirements

Below are the bare minimum standards for Casual Dress

- T-shirts
- Pants, Shorts, or Sweat pants

Important Clarifications for Men

- Hats, beanies, and hoods are not permitted to be worn inside buildings.
- Earrings or visible piercings are not permitted.
- Shirts must be tucked in for non-Casual Dress.
- Speedos are not appropriate swimwear.

(5) Women's Dress Code

Formal Dress Requirements

- A Dress or Formal Top with Skirt/Dress Pants
- Dress Shoes, Dress Sandals, or non-scuffed Western Riding Boots

Classroom Dress Requirements

- A Business-Casual Outfit: Top with Skirt, Dress Pants, or Dress Jeans / Dress
- Dress Shoes, Dress Sandals, or non-scuffed Western Riding Boots

Casual Dress Requirements

Below are the bare minimum standards for Casual Dress

- A Casual Outfit: Top with Skirt, Pants, Shorts, or Sweat Pants / Dress / Jumpsuit

Important Clarifications for Women

- Tops cannot be strapless, spaghetti straps, crop tops, nor be cut lower than four fingers-width beneath the collar bone in front nor beneath the bottom of the shoulder blades in back.
- Skirts must be long enough to touch the kneecap when standing. This includes high-low and uneven styles where the highest part must touch the kneecap. Slits may not be higher than the knee.
- Bikinis are not appropriate swimwear.