

Dress Code

The University of West Alabama dress code is based on the principle that knowledge of appropriate attire for specific occasions and activities is part of the total higher education process and that adherence to proper dress will contribute to the overall positive image of the campus today as well as enhance the student's success in his or her future career.

Following are examples of appropriate dress for various sites and occasions:

1. Classroom, cafeteria, and University offices: neat and modest casual or dressy attire.
2. Formal programs in the Bell Conference Center and Bibb Graves Auditorium: business or dressy attire.
3. Career Fairs, campus interviews and most off-campus activities: business attire.
4. Social/recreational activities, residence hall lounges, Student Union Building: neat and modest casual or dressy attire.

Students will be denied admission to University functions if their manner of dress is inappropriate. Examples of inappropriate dress and/or appearance include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Caps, do-rags, bandanas, or hoods in classrooms or in other academically related or professional meetings. This policy does not apply to headgear considered a part of religious dress.
2. Netted shirts, tube tops cut-off t-shirts, t-shirts with slit sides, pajamas, bare feet, socks without shoes, or cleats in classrooms, cafeteria, and University offices.
3. Shorts, mini-skirts, jeans, t-shirts or other casual shirts or tops, caps, sweat suits, or flip-flops at major programs such as Career Fairs or Campus Interview Days, Honors Day, Commencement, or other programs dictating business or dressy attire.
4. Clothing with derogatory, offensive and/or lewd messages either in words or pictures.
5. Sleeveless undershirts for men outside of the private living quarters of the residence halls when not worn with a top shirt.
6. Pants for men and women that may be too revealing and sagging pants and extreme low riders.

All administrative, faculty and support staff members will be expected to monitor student behavior applicable to this dress code and report violations to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, where cases will be processed through established disciplinary procedure.
