

Student Dress Guidelines

Goals of the Student Dress Guidelines

- To contribute to the professional atmosphere of the veterinary school.
- To provide a professional environment for guests, alumni, faculty, and students.
- To help students build their professional wardrobe for their 4th year clinical rotations, externships, and future career.
- To promote proper biosecurity measures as veterinary medical professionals
- To limit the spread of pathogens and disease given the unique building structure that connects lecture areas, laboratories, small and large animal hospital.
- To provide a process of upholding and maintaining the student dress guidelines

Student Dress Guidelines

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday during business hours (8am – 5pm)

- Students will wear professional (see below) or business casual attire when not in laboratory.
- Business casual attire includes any of the following: blue jeans, khakis, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and CVM/club garments.
- .Scrubs can only be worn immediately before, during, and after laboratory. They should not be worn in the lecture halls. There are dedicated locker rooms to change into scrubs right before and after laboratory class.
- Any scrubs worn must be clean and neat. These scrubs must be covered by a clean white lab coat at all times when students are not in the surgical suite or laboratory. This policy helps maintain biosecurity
- NOTE: Inappropriate attire guidelines are in effect at all times (see below for specific guidelines).

Thursday during business hours (8am – 5pm)

- Professional attire is required on Thursdays.
- Professional dress for men and women include any of the following: suits, jackets, slacks, button down dress shirts, ties optional, sweaters, business skirts, dresses, slacks, blouses, polos, and dress shoes. Footwear must be clean and professional. Footwear must adhere to safety rules for laboratory courses. See class syllabi for specifications.
- **If further clarification is needed, please review the 4th year Student Handbook.**

Monday-Friday during business hours (8am – 5pm)

- **Inappropriate attire rules are always in effect.**
- Inappropriate attire includes all of the following: hats that are not neat and clean, flip flops, midriff and cleavage baring shirts or tops, strapless shirts, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, shorts, sweatpants and athletic/"warm up" suits/outfits, skirts or dresses with hemlines shorter than 2" above the knee, clothing that is not neat and clean, worn/torn/shredded clothing, and anything with an inappropriate logo or insignia.
 - Please note, athletic/"warm up" outfits includes black athletic stretch pants. Stretch pants are considered inappropriate attire and should not be worn. On the same note, leggings are not to be worn as pants.
 - Please also note that undergarments/underwear should not be seen at any time.
 - Students are permitted to wear hats in the classroom at the discretion of the class professors. Hats are not permitted on Thursdays.
- As a guideline, if you are unable to bend down and take the temperature of a patient without showing skin, your attire is inappropriate. Clothing that does not cover cleavage or buttocks is not appropriate at any time.

Enforcement of the Dress Code

- Dress Guidelines will be student enforced. Students are encouraged to challenge one another to dress for and exude professionalism. Take pride in who you are and who you are going to be.

- If a student or faculty member feels that another student is dressed contrary to these guidelines, the offending student should be professionally addressed by the individual(s). Communication can be verbal or written.
- If the offending student is approached by their peer about inappropriate attire and is not receptive, the student leaders may be contacted to speak with the offending student.
- If a student is approached about inappropriate attire and is not receptive after the above two actions have been taken, the class advisors may be contacted in order to speak with the offending student.
- If the class advisors are unavailable, the OASA (Office of Academic and Student Affairs) may be contacted for assistance in addressing the offending student.
- Depending on the inappropriateness of attire, the student will be asked by administration or faculty to go home and return to the college in appropriate attire.