

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:	ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
RESPONSIBLE CONTACT:	DEAN OF STUDENTS
POLICY IDENTIFICATION:	APPROPRIATE ATTIRE CODE
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It is the policy of the University that dressing appropriately is considered a part of the learning process. Virginia Union University has a prescribed dress code, and some attire is inappropriate in certain settings at VUU. Students and their guests who do not adhere to the dress code may be denied access to university services including, but not limited to the classroom and other academic buildings. If an instance occurs wherein a student feels that a request regarding the dress code is unreasonable, the student should first adhere to the request of the faculty or staff member, and then follow up with a written document using the appropriate appeal procedure.

The items below provide an overview of items prohibited by the VUU dress code (but not limited to) in all buildings on campus and at designated University activities and events, on and off campus:

- Pajamas, bathrobes, bras, lingerie, and boxer shorts, worn in public spaces and/or as outerwear (Except in the residence halls),
- Bedroom slippers worn outside of the residence hall
- Trousers worn in a “baggy” fashion (mid-hip with undergarments revealed)
- Undershirts (wife beaters) without a top shirt
- Appearing in public spaces without a shirt, top or blouse
- Du-rags, and head rags for men and women (except in the residence hall where the student lives)
- Caps and hats for men and women (inside all buildings except for the residence hall where the student resides)
- Curlers, rollers, head rags, and other items used to groom the hair (except in programs open only to residents of the building in which the program is held),
- Shirts worn as head wraps
- Hoodies with hoods over the head while inside a building
- Bodysuits, micro-mini skirts, midriff shirts, see-through blouses, low cut blouses, tight-fitting tops and blouses, appropriate undergarments (bras), and/or other such attire that reveal cleavage
- Clothing, jewelry, hats and/or other garments/or other accessories with obscene or offensive language, gestures, and/or profanity. Students are expected to use common sense and good judgment in determining what to wear at special events. Examples of special events are:

- Designated New Student Orientation activities, Fall Convocation, Founders Day, Career Fairs, On-Campus interviews, Honors programs, and Convocation. The attire for these events is outlined below:
 - **Males**- Dress pants (no jeans), business suit, dress shirt, tie and dress shoes (no boots, timberlands, or other such footwear).
 - **Females**- Professional skirt, blouse, dress, or two-piece suit (skirt or pants), and dress shoes.
 - Certain events require semi-formal or formal attire. Examples of such events are the Maroon and Steel Ball and the Miss and Mr. VUU Coronation. These events require attire as outlined below.
 - **Males**- Dress suit with shirt, tie and dress shoes. Clubwear is not appropriate.
 - **Females**- Formal or semi-formal attire. Clubwear is not acceptable.

Students requesting special permission for head attire due to religious affiliation should submit a written request to the Office of Student Integrity and Conduct in Henderson Center. Approval, if granted will be provided in writing.