

Best Week Ever Dress Code

As Christian men and women, we must strive to treat our bodies as gifts from God, our bodies are meant to be taken care of and clothed with dignity. Since what we wear reflects in a real way an aspect of who we are, our external modesty will reflect the interior virtue that we are striving to attain. Additionally, wearing professional dress for classes, Mass, and lunch assists students with understanding the value of these activities. Christendom College endeavors to help its students and program participants by providing a Modesty Dress Code and a Professional Dress Code.

For the Best Week Ever, the Modesty Code is always in effect while the Professional Dress Code is in effect only during classes, Mass, and Lunch.

Modesty Dress Code for All Students

- Clothing should not be tight or excessively form-fitting. Nothing should be low cut in the back or front (nothing lower than 3 fingers below the collar bone). Tops cannot bare the midriff.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, or graphics.
- Men are not allowed to have any visible piercings, and women may only have visible ear piercings. No neck chokers.
- No tank tops, muscle tees, or sheer tops.

Modesty Code for Men:

- Belts must be worn if pants tend to ride too low.
- Shirts must be worn at all times except when swimming.
- All shorts, including swimwear, must have an inseam of 7 inches or longer.

Modesty Code for Women:

- The hemline of all skirts and dresses are to be no higher than the top of the wearer's knee cap.
- All straps of a dress or shirt must be at least one inch wide.
- Shorts must be long enough so that the wearer's fingertips do not go past the hem of the shorts.
- Women's swimwear must be a modest one-piece or tankini that covers the midriff and clothing must be worn over the swimsuit when not in the water.

Professional Dress Code for All Students (to be worn during Mass, classes, and lunch):

- No back patch pockets, cargo-type pants, stretch-style pants, jeans, or joggers.
- Clothing must be reasonably wrinkle-free and clean.
- Denim or chambray clothing/outerwear are not permitted as professional dress code.
- No polo shirts.



Professional Dress Code for Men

- Requires dress pants, belt, dress shirt, tie or bowtie, dress socks, and dress shoes.
 - o No sneakers, flip flops, sandals, etc.
 - o Dress shirts must be button down with collar – any color, long or short sleeved – tucked in.
 - o No athletic socks.
 - o Undershirt must be worn beneath a white dress shirt.

Professional Dress Code for Women

- Requires a professional/business-style dress (or a dress skirt/dress pants with a dress blouse) and dress shoes.
 - o Excludes more casual skirts/dresses such as sundresses, spaghetti-strap, high-low style.
 - o All dress blouses must be button-down (the entire front of the shirt) and collared.
 - o Dress shoes can include sandals, but no flip-flops, Birkenstocks, clogs, or athletic-style shoes.

The specifications for dress code set out in this section are meant as guidelines and not as exhaustive rules. One's dress should reflect the distinction and dignity of one's gender, lending to an understanding and appreciation of men and women in the image of God. BWE counselors and staff will be the judges of whether an outfit is acceptable dress code on whatever occasion. If a student is wearing clothing which does not fulfill the dress code, he or she will be asked to change.

Thank you for abiding by our summer program dress code!



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