

## 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 dressier clothes for classes, Mass, and lunch assists students with understanding the value of these activities.

**For the Best Week Ever, students must abide by two dress codes: Class Dress Code to be worn during classes, Mass, and Lunch, and a Casual Dress Code to be worn at all other times.**

For Male Students:

**Casual Dress Code for Men:** worn outside of classes, Mass, and lunch time

- Casual pants or shorts, as well as t-shirts, casual button-down shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- No muscle tees, tank tops, or short shorts may be worn (All shorts, including swimwear, must be long enough so that the wearer's fingertips do not go past the hem of the shorts)
- All clothing must not be tight or form-fitting.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, graphics, or topics.
- No visible body piercings are allowed.
- Belts must be worn if pants tend to ride too low.
- Shirts must be worn at all times, except when swimming.
- Sneakers, flip flops, boots, sandals may be worn.

### Class Dress Code

- Dress pants, belt or suspenders, dress shirt, tie or bowtie, dress socks, and dress shoes.
- Dress shirts must be button-down with collar – any color, long or short sleeved – tucked in.
- An undershirt must be worn beneath a white dress shirt.
- Wearing a blazer or sport coat is optional.
- No visible body piercings are allowed.
- 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 class dress code.
- No polo shirts.

For Female Students:

**Casual Dress Code for Women:** worn outside of classes, Mass, and lunch time

- Casual pants, shorts, skirts, or dresses, as well as t-shirts, casual tops, sweaters, or sweatshirts.
- No tank tops, sheer clothing, or short shorts may be worn.
- Shorts must be long enough so that the wearer's fingertips do not go past the hem of the shorts.



- 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.
- All clothing must not be tight or form-fitting.
- Apparel may not include derogatory, profane, or immoral images, slogans, graphics, or topics.
- No visible body piercings are allowed, other than earrings.
- Sneakers, flip flops, boots, sandals may be worn.
- 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.

### **Class Dress Code**

- 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 The hemline of all skirts and dresses are to be no higher than the top of the wearer's knee cap.
  - o All straps of a dress or shirt must be at least one inch wide.
  - 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.
- No visible body piercings are allowed, other than earrings.
- 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 class dress code.
- No polo shirts.

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 sex, 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.

*Please note that the Best Week Ever Dress Code differs slightly from the dress code for students at Christendom College during the school year.*

Thank you for abiding by our Best Week Ever Dress Code!

