

Appropriate Dress on the Campus of WAU

Washington Adventist University is a Seventh-Day Adventist institution distinguished by a clear mission to develop Christian leaders: positive, goal-oriented graduates who are committed to making a difference in the world. Every community has conduct expectations for its members. As a Christian community we have a set of behavioral responsibilities that apply to students, staff, and faculty. **In becoming a member of this community, you choose to respect these values, even when they may not reflect your personal views or convictions in every detail.** As a consequence of our obligations to one another, students who violate this dress code will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary process. Key elements in this code include:

Modesty: In all cases, students should dress modestly and their attire should demonstrate respect for standards of professionalism and cleanliness, reflecting the unique character of a Christian campus and the mission of the university.

Appropriateness: As men and women who are preparing to be leaders of the broader community, reflecting the values of our Christian University, our students will behave, use language and **dress in ways that reflect their aspirations.** The ways in which we respect one another and support our common reasons for being here are pivotal to our success.

Cooperation: Cooperation in adhering to dress regulations is a matter of **personal integrity;** however, since **it reflects on the University,** students must be responsive to and cooperative with **faculty and staff.** If at any point a faculty or staff member says to you: **“you are out of dress code,”** you are immediately to remove the item or go and change the clothing that puts you in that position, and to do so cooperatively, without an argument.

Dress for Men: Men should wear dress/sport shirts, slacks, jeans, shoes or sandals. Slippers, bathrobes, and other articles of clothing that have been long established as “at home” attire are not to be worn on campus as outward. Hats and baseball type caps may be worn on campus except in the residence halls.

Dress for Women: Women should wear clothing (dresses, blouses and slacks and jeans) **long enough to cover the midriff, thick enough to maintain personal privacy, high enough to maintain personal modesty, including when sitting.** Thin strapped tank tops, tube tops and halter tops are inappropriate, unless worn under a jacket or dress. Shoes or sandals are to be worn on campus.

Dress for Men/Women: Clothing peculiar to cult groups, gangs or any clothing bearing slogans and/or insignia inconsistent with a Christian campus are inappropriate on campus. No visibly low (showing underwear), revealingly tight, or extremely baggy pants, or knee-length hanging shirts are to be worn. Skimpy, tight exercise wear or swim wears are to be worn only when actively participating in those specific activities.

Sabbath Dress: Because we prize Sabbath hours, both men and women are to wear “Sabbath clothes” in the dining hall and other non-residential hall areas. At no time during Sabbath hours should students wear athletic attire or similarly inappropriate clothing to the dining hall or at public meetings.

Jewelry: Students are requested to honor the principles of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of discretion and simplicity in wearing ornamental jewelry. Student employees working at the University and student organizations or groups representing the University off campus may not wear ornamental jewelry on the job, or an event where they are serving as official representatives of the University.

I agree to adhere to the Appropriate Dress Policy outline above.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____