

DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

Preamble

Noting that one of the University's core values is commitment to excellence in learning and character,

Conceding that the students are entitled to freedom of expression, which they may assert through the manners in which they dress.

Recognizing that assertion of the freedom of expression through dressing without some form of moderation or prescription of what is reasonably acceptable in the University community, especially in academic (including library) and office areas may incrementally undermine the very essence of building good character and encourage diverse forms of sexual harassment, including but not limited to sexual assault, abuse, exploitation, advances, and stalking, all of which may have negative impact on academic standard and on the psychology of the student being harassed,

Noting further that some students do not discriminate between academic (including library) and office areas and non-academic and outside office areas in their appearances, and that it is desirable for them to do so.

Realizing that it is imperative for the University to provide guidance to students, without necessarily inhibiting their choices and creativity, on how they should appear generally on campus, especially in academic (including library) and office areas, in order to promote decency and respect among students, between staff (academic and non-academic) and students in their official interactions,

The University hereby formulates this policy on dress code for its students as follows:

1. Undergirding Principles of Dress Code

In all appearances, students should note that cleanliness, neatness, modesty, decency and appropriateness in dressing are important values which reflect individual dignity and sobriety through which students as well as staff and faculty represent the professional status of their respective disciplines.

2. Dress Code

- (a) Students should maintain a clean and well-cared for appearance in all settings on campus.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, male and female students are not allowed to wear the following in the academic (including library) and office areas, that is,
 - (i) Extremely tight-fitting clothes, including skirts whose lengths are indecently above the knees, trousers, and blouses;

- (ii) Clothes that reveal sensitive parts of the body such as the bust, chest, belly and the buttocks. Examples of such dresses are transparent clothing. “Spaghetti tops”, “wicked straps”, “Mono straps”, “Tubes”, and “Show me your belly”;
 - (iii) Outfits such as knickers and mini-skirts and dresses, which are indecently above the knees;
 - (iv) Inappropriate outfits, such as indecent part-wear, beachwear, night wears and bathroom slippers;
 - (v) Outfits such as T-shirts and jeans, which carry obscene, subliminal and cult-related messages;
 - (vi) Trousers such as low or hip-riders and low-riding waist jeans, sagging attires.
- (c) **Dress Code for Matriculation and Graduation Ceremonies**
- (i) During matriculation ceremonies, students are expected to wear their academic gowns on a formal black and white outfit;
 - (ii) During graduation ceremonies, students are expected to wear their graduation gowns and caps over formal attires.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION**

(a) **Exclusion of Students from Lectures and Services**

Lecturers and Administrators are empowered to correct/exclude students from lectures and official business when they are not properly dressed.

(b) **Counselling and Endorsement of Records**

Violators, depending on the specific circumstance, would be counseled. However, any student who, after being counseled, repeatedly violates this policy will face the Students’ Disciplinary Board and have their records endorsed accordingly.

(c) The University hereby solicits the support of parents and guardians in ensuring that students dress decently at all times.

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