

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

THE MILLENNIAL FAMUAN: DRESS STANDARDS

The dress standards are based on the theory that learning to use socially acceptable manners and selecting attire appropriate to specific occasions and activities are critical factors in the total educational process. Understanding and employing these behaviors not only improves the quality of one's life, but also contributes to optimum morale, as well as embellishes the overall campus image. They also play a major role in instilling a sense of integrity and an appreciation for values and ethics.

The continuous demonstration of appropriate manners and dress insures that the students meet the very minimum standards of quality achievement in the social, physical, moral and educational aspects of their lives - essential areas of development necessary for propelling students toward successful careers. At Florida A&M University, students should dress in a way that shows respect for not only themselves, but all other students. We believe FAMUANS would expect students attending the University to dress in such a way that would uplift their sense of decency, culture and professionalism. The right of students to include in their wardrobe a broad array of various types, styles, colors, and expressions is fully recognized. All students, however, have a vested interest in the image of Florida A&M University, and certain types of clothing tend to reflect negatively upon the University and tend to disrupt the educational process.

Students will be denied admission to various functions if their manner of dress is inappropriate. Inappropriate shall be defined as anything that may cause a disturbance to the learning environment. On this premise students at the University are expected to dress neatly at all times.

Examples of inappropriate dress and/or appearance include but are not limited to:

- Pajamas, midriffs or halters, mesh, netted shirts, tube tops, cutoff tee shirts, scarves, caps, pants below waistline revealing undergarments, do-rags and/or hoods in classrooms, dining halls, snack bar, library, student center, and offices. This policy does not apply to headgear considered as a part of religious or cultural dress.
- Bare feet anywhere on campus except inside a residence hall.
- Clothing with derogatory, offensive and/or lewd messages either in words or pictures.
- All of the aforementioned items, including shorts and jeans of any color at major programs such as Musical Arts, Convocations, Commencements, Career Fair, or other programs dictating professional, dressy, or formal attire.

All administrative, faculty and support staff members will be expected to monitor student behavior applicable to this dress standard and report any such disregard or violations to the Dean of Students Office.

Excerpts from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Hampton University

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