

3. Dress and Grooming Standards

Campus Attire

“Never lower your standards of dress. Do not use a special occasion as an excuse to be immodest. When you dress immodestly, you send a message that is contrary to your identity as a son or daughter of God. You also send the message that you are using your body to get attention and approval. Immodest clothing is any clothing that is tight, sheer, or revealing in any manner.” (For the Strength of Youth, pg.6-7).

Men and women should be neat and clean in appearance. Avoid extreme clothing and hairstyles. Pants, slacks or jeans should not be in poor condition, frayed or torn and must be ankle length. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus. Shorts are not appropriate campus attire. Do not disfigure yourself with tattoos. Body piercing’s are not appropriate.

Women

Clothing is immodest when it is sleeveless, does not cover the stomach or is low-cut in the front or back. Dresses and skirts should be knee-length or longer (even with leggings worn). No capris may be worn on campus. Women may wear one pair of earrings.

Men

Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Sideburns should not extend below the earlobe or onto the cheek. Men are expected to be clean shaven, moustaches, if worn, should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Beards are not appropriate.

Dress Standards for Men and Women at Campus Events Activity and Recreational Attire

Dress standards for each event will be specified prior to the event. If no standard is indicated, the minimum standard is campus attire. Modest casual attire may be worn at certain activities and events. Shorts and other pants ending above the ankle are inappropriate for campus. Shorts are only allowed at playing fields and must be modest in length. Traveling across campus to activities in shorts is not appropriate.

Event Attire

The minimum standard for men will be shirt and tie. Jeans are not appropriate. The minimum standard for women will be a dress (or a skirt and blouse or sweater). Casual dress or clothing will not be permitted.

Semiformal Dance Attire

Men: A tuxedo is optional, while church attire such as a sports coat or dressy sweater is recommended. A dress shirt and tie, formal half-collar shirt without tie, or turtleneck with a sport coat and dress slacks are acceptable. Dress shoes are required. Athletic shoes, T-shirts, kilts, jeans, and grubby attire are not appropriate.

Women: A formal dress is optional; Sunday dress is recommended (a modest dress with the hemline or slit at or below the knee). Dress shoes are required. Athletic shoes, sleeveless dresses, spaghetti straps, low-cut necklines, unlined see-through materials, and open-back dresses below the shoulder blades are not appropriate.

Special-Theme Dances

Dress should be consistent with university dress standards at all events. Appropriate dress will be specified in the publicity prior to the dance.

Swim Wear

Brigham Young University Idaho invites students to refer to, For the Strength of Youth when choosing their swimsuit attire. Specifically we are taught, “Never lower your dress standards for any occasion. Doing so sends the message that you are using your body to get attention and approval and that modesty is important only when it is convenient”.

Swimsuits should be modest in fabric, fit and style. Women’s suits should cover the stomach. Men’s suits should sit at the waist.

4. Continuing Ecclesiastical Endorsement

The Board of Trustees of BYU-Idaho requires every student, attending the university to have an annual continuing ecclesiastical endorsement. This will be completed by the bishop of the ward in which the student and/or membership record reside. The continuing endorsement must be completed prior to registering for classes.

The bishop verifies the following:

- If LDS, the student is in full fellowship in the Church
- The student lives a chaste and virtuous life, including avoidance of pornography, abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, and abstinence from homosexual conduct
- The student lives the Word of Wisdom by abstaining from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, coffee, tea, and other harmful substances
- The student demonstrates appropriate and consistent church activity
- The student is honest

The student verifies they are striving to live the Honor Code. Students will renew their endorsement during the first semester of their assigned track. Online students without an assigned track will renew their endorsement annually during the semester of their initial enrollment.

5. Church Attendance

One of the greatest advantages Brigham Young University-Idaho offers its students is the opportunity to be a member of a student ward and stake. Sunday meetings, Monday home evenings and other activities contribute to the spiritual and social growth of each student. Progress toward spirituality and righteousness is greatly enhanced through participation in the sacrament, priesthood, Relief Society and auxiliary meetings provided each week. BYU-Idaho’s most important mission is to encourage students to live the principles and build testimonies of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.

Attendance in your assigned ward is a requirement for continued enrollment. Students who do not attend their church meetings may have their endorsements withdrawn.

Single students living in approved housing are expected to attend their assigned YSA ward. Students whose home is in the immediate community are expected to attend their home ward or assigned YSA ward. Married students generally attend married-student wards but may elect to attend community ward in which they reside based on specific family needs.