

Classroom Dress Code Policy

Students entering the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of Florida are taking the first steps to becoming health care professionals. Students will develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that comprise the fundamental core of the profession of Pharmacy. This entails not only learning the pharmaceutical sciences but also how to fulfill the roles of a health professional in society. The way you present yourself to others in your workplace is one small piece of becoming a professional. All students are expected to adhere to the dress code policies as they would any other rules pertaining to their conduct/learning. (Note: Professional appearance not only applies to students but to faculty and staff as well. Faculty and staff are expected to maintain a professional appearance while in a classroom setting in the College of Pharmacy). Business casual styled clothing and shoes are encouraged in the classroom setting during regular business hours (8am to 5pm).

- Students must wear a photo ID (e.g., gator1 card or University Partnership Center badge) per health science center or local campus policy. Identification badges must be clearly visible and should not be worn on backpacks or below the waist.
- Hats/headwear: No hats or head covering of any kind, except for religious, cultural, medical or ethnic observations.
- Pants: 1) No excessively tattered or worn pants and no clothing with holes; 2) Dress shorts are allowed, but regular shorts are not; 3) Pants should not be cut too low or worn in a manner that causes the skin or underwear to be exposed; 4) Denim jeans are allowed.
- Dresses/Skirts: should be no shorter than one palm length above the knee when standing.
- Shirts: 1) No revealing clothing including low cut blouses or shirts/pants that allow the abdomen to be exposed; 2) No strapless shirts, shirts with thin/spaghetti straps (<2 inches in width), halter tops, or athletic shirts (e.g. basketball shirts or sleeveless shirts); 3) UF COP t-shirts are allowed.
- Clean, professional footwear with a low or moderate heel. Dress sandals and clean sneakers are appropriate for class. No flip-flops or well-worn athletic shoes.
- Clothing that is not permitted includes sweatpants, sweatshirts, scrubs (tops or pants), or leggings/jeggings.
- The dress code requirements may be different in certain curricular and co-curricular activities/events (e.g. simulated or real patient interactions, OSCEs, etc.). The student is responsible for checking the course syllabus for specific requirements. The student dress code required in professional practice experiences (IPPE, APPE) may be required in the classroom on certain occasions (e.g. visiting lecturers); students will be notified in advance.

Exceptions to the Dress Code:

- Late afternoon exams
- Study Sessions
- Outerwear (i.e., jackets and sweatshirts) in class, given the temperatures in some classrooms

Policy Enforcement

Dress code standards are intended to be self-regulated, though faculty reserve the right to intervene. Students are empowered to express their concerns to the individual, through class leadership, or they may express their concerns directly to faculty or the course coordinator. Students considered to be dressed inappropriately may be dismissed from class and asked to comply with the standards. Dress code violations may be reported to the Professionalism Committee. Repeated violations will be considered inappropriate professional behavior and may result in disciplinary action.