

Dress Code

Students are expected to dress in a manner that demonstrates respect for other students, faculty, administration, staff, and visitors. As part of professionalism, students must abide by a business casual dress code, unless specified otherwise. Questions regarding appropriate attire may be directed to the Office of Student Affairs. Students should refer to the course syllabi for further dress code requirements. Students inappropriately dressed will be requested to leave the campus and not return until appropriately dressed. Questionable or disputed cases of attire shall be presented to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, whose decision will be final. Repeated violations will be considered unprofessional behavior and may result in disciplinary action. The University also reserves the right to relax the dress code for specific occasions (e.g. Casual Fridays) and students will be notified of any adjustments.

Business Casual Attire and Footwear

In accordance with business casual guidelines, slacks/trousers are appropriate, as are dresses and skirts. All clothing must be of modest fit and length. Collared shirts, sweaters, and blouses are acceptable. When the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh. Tops must have a strap and at no time may any part of a student's buttocks be exposed. Appropriate business casual footwear includes loafers, dress shoes or heels, flats, clogs, leather boat shoes or other footwear that cover all or most of the foot. In addition, flip-flops and baseball caps are prohibited. Examples of clothing that are not appropriate include the following: shorts, sweatpants, pajama pants, exercise or athleisure clothing. In addition, flip-flops and baseball caps are inappropriate. Unless specified otherwise, your RVU-provided ID badge must be worn and visible at all times. Please note that cultural and religious clothing are exempt from all dress code requirements.

All students are permitted to wear the clothing of their choice, regardless of whether it conforms to traditional gender stereotypes. Students may dress in accordance with their gender identity and gender expression, provided that such clothing does not violate the MSBS dress code.

Regular Lecture/Events

Please refer to Business Casual Attire and Footwear.

Service-Learning Projects

Students must wear their white coats and RVU-provided ID Badge when participating in service-learning projects or at RVU-sponsored co-curricular activities, such as staffing a health fair. If the program or group you are working with while on your service-learning project has their own dress code, please abide by their dress code.

Anatomy Lab

Your Anatomy Course Director will provide your exact dress code. Please note that closed-toed shoes are necessary for safety and health reasons.

Standardized Patient (SP) Events

Students must wear their white coats and RVU-provided ID Badge when participating in SP events. Please refer to Business Casual Attire and Footwear for additional guidance on attire for these events. Please note that closed-toe shoes are required for safety and health reasons.

Attire While On-Campus Outside of Traditional Classroom Hours

If on-campus outside of the traditional 8–5PM schedule Monday through Thursday, please ensure that, when the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh. Tops must have a strap and at no time may any part of a student's buttocks be exposed. Everyone is expected to be well-groomed and wear clean clothing, free of holes, tears, or other signs of wear.

Inclement Weather

If faced with cold or wet weather, please dress appropriately but snow boots, warmer jackets, and pants will be acceptable. We do strongly encourage you to dress in business casual underneath warmer layers as indoors will be kept warmer. If faced with extremely warm weather, lighter breathable clothing is allowed.