

Student Attire Guidelines

STUDENT ATTIRE GUIDELINES

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Internal Control and Validation

To ensure compliance with this policy and procedure:

- The Dean, Academic Affairs is responsible for the implementation.
- The Academic Registry will maintain control and compliance.

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1.1. Policy Objective

- 1.1.1. The objective of this policy is to establish clear, culturally sensitive, and non-discriminatory guidelines for student attire that support the University's mission, promote a professional and safe learning environment, and demonstrate respect for local traditions, customs, and community values within the State of Qatar.
- 1.1.2. It is the **student's responsibility** to know and adhere to **all OU guidelines and rules** at all times while using any facility, attending any event, or acting as a representative of the university.
- 1.1.3. The University reserves the right to **apply sanctions**, up to and including **withdrawal from the programme of study** to students who repeatedly fail to comply with University guidelines. These sanctions may also involve removing access to University **facilities and services**.

1.2. Scope and Statement

- 1.2.1. This policy applies to all enrolled students regardless of nationality or gender, while they are on University property (including classrooms, laboratories, administrative offices, dining facilities, and common areas), attending University-sponsored activities, or acting as representatives of the University.
- 1.2.2. The core statement of this policy is that all student attire must be modest, neat, and respectful of the local Qatari culture. Students are expected to exercise good judgment in their choice of clothing to avoid distraction, offense, or misrepresentation of the University.

1.3. Definitions

<i>Modesty</i>	Clothing is loose-fitting, non-transparent, and covers the primary areas of the body, including the shoulders, chest, midriff, and knees.
<i>University Premises</i>	All property owned, leased, or controlled by the University, including residences, academic buildings, and grounds.
<i>National Attire</i>	The traditional clothing of the region (e.g., Thobe for men and Abaya and Shayla for women).

1.4. Abbreviations

OU	Oryx University
LJMU	Liverpool John Moores University
SAG	Student Attire Guidelines
SCB	Student Code of Behaviour

1.5. Specific Attire Guidelines

Category	Acceptable Attire (<i>Must adhere to Modesty Standards</i>)	Unacceptable Attire (<i>Prohibited</i>)
General Modesty	Clothing that covers the shoulders, chest, midriff, and knees (<i>both while standing and sitting</i>). Long trousers, skirts/dresses below the knee, and business-casual clothing.	Clothing that is transparent, excessively tight, revealing (<i>e.g., low-cut tops, crop tops, plunging necklines</i>), or exposes the back, stomach, or midriff.
Men's Attire	Full-length trousers or slacks, collared shirts (<i>polo or button-down</i>), long-sleeved shirts, and the Qatari national dress (Thobe) . Closed shoes or smart sandals.	Shorts, sleeveless vests or tank tops, athletic singlets, shirts with offensive or inappropriate images/text, and excessively baggy or ripped denim/clothing.
Women's Attire	Dresses / skirts that fall below the knee , professional slacks, blouses / shirts with sleeves that reach at least the elbow , and the Qatari national dress (Abaya & Shayla) . Business-appropriate shoes.	Mini-skirts, shorts, short dresses, spaghetti-strap tops, tank tops, sheer or see-through material, tight leggings worn as outerwear (<i>unless covered by a long top/dress below the knee</i>), and overly tight or form-fitting clothing.
Footwear	Closed-toe shoes, dress sandals, athletic shoes (<i>only in sports facilities/PE classes</i>).	Flip-flops, beach sandals, or slippers (<i>except in designated residences</i>).
Accessories	All visible body modifications, including tattoos and excessive jewelry, must be modest and non-offensive. Hats or caps must not be worn indoors, except for religious purposes.	Clothing or accessories with slogans, images, or designs that are profane, discriminatory, politically sensitive, or contrary to Islamic values.
Sports / Lab Attire	Approved University or department-specific uniforms or lab coats. Modest workout clothing covering shoulders and knees.	Casual sportswear or athletic gear worn outside of the gymnasium, laboratories, or sports facilities.

1.6. Domain of Implementation

- 1.6.1. Violation of this policy that also constitutes a criminal offense under the laws of the State of Qatar may result in the University pursuing its own disciplinary action **in addition to** referring the matter to the appropriate legal authorities.
- 1.6.2. Adherence to the Student Attire Guideline is considered a mandatory component of the overall Student Code of Behaviour (SCB). Failure to comply constitutes a breach of the expected standards of conduct for a member of the University community.

1.7. Operating Principles

- 1.7.1. **Respect:** All students must show respect for the host culture by adhering to the principles of modesty.
- 1.7.2. **Professionalism:** Attire should reflect the professional nature of the University and the academic environment.
- 1.7.3. **Consistency:** Enforcement of the SAG must be applied consistently and fairly across all student demographics.
- 1.7.4. **Discretion:** University staff and faculty are empowered to use reasonable discretion in determining what constitutes inappropriate attire under the spirit of this policy.

1.8. Advice and Information

- 1.8.1. The OU Academic Registry Staff are available to advise Students on matters such as concerns about their attire, dress code, behaviour, conduct, discipline, etc. procedures. If students wish to contact, they can do so at Academic Registry.
- 1.8.2. Information on this Policy and Procedures is available on the University's Webpages at <https://www.oryx.edu.qa/policies/> or by contacting the Academic Registry via telephone numbers +974 4021 0000 or via email at registry@oryx.edu.qa.
- 1.8.3. Further information and contact details are available on the University Web pages at <https://www.oryx.edu.qa/>.