

CHURCH EDUCATION SYSTEM HONOR CODE

Brigham Young University, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, Brigham Young University–Idaho, and LDS Business College exist to provide an education in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals and principles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That atmosphere is created and preserved through conduct that reflects those ideals and principles. Members of the faculty, administration, staff, and student body at BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDS Business College are selected and retained from among individuals who voluntarily live the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Observance of such is a specific condition of employment and admission. Those individuals who are not members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are also expected to maintain the same standards of conduct. All who represent BYU–Idaho are to maintain the highest standards of honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others in personal behavior. By accepting appointment to the faculty, continuing in employment, or continuing class enrollment, individuals evidence their commitment to observe the Honor Code standards approved by the Board of Trustees “at all times ... and in all places” (Mosiah 18:9).

HONOR CODE STATEMENT

“We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.” *Thirteenth Article of Faith*

As a matter of personal commitment, faculty, staff, and students of BYU, BYU–Hawaii, BYU–Idaho, and LDS Business College seek to demonstrate in daily living on- and off- campus those moral virtues encompassed in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and will:

- Be honest
- Live a chaste and virtuous life
- Obey the law and all campus policies
- Use clean language
- Respect others
- Abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, tea, coffee and substance abuse
- Participate regularly in church services
- Observe Dress and Grooming Standards
- Encourage others in their commitment to comply with the Honor Code

Specific policies embodied in the Honor Code include: (1) the Academic Honesty Policy, (2) the Dress and Grooming Standards, (3) the Residential Living Standards, and (4) the Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement Requirement.

President David A. Bednar stated:

The Honor Code is a lesser law preparation to enter the house of the Lord and make sacred covenants, and the dress code is a lesser law preparation for how you will dress and should act after you have entered into those covenants. (Devotional Address, September 1, 1998). The dress and grooming of both men and women should always be modest, neat, clean, and consistent with the values and principles of Brigham Young University–Idaho and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Modesty and cleanliness are important values that reflect personal dignity and integrity. Members of the BYU–Idaho community represent the principles and standards of the Church. The members of that community commit themselves to observe the following standards, which reflect the direction of the BYU–Idaho Board of Trustees and the Church publication *For the Strength of the Youth*. These guiding principles apply at all CES institutions of higher education. The application of these principles may vary slightly at the various institutions in accordance with local conditions and circumstances

Men

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Hair-styles 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. If worn, mustaches should be neatly trimmed and may not extend beyond or below the corners of the mouth. Men are expected to be clean-shaven; beards are not acceptable. Earrings and other body piercing are unacceptable. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

Women

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained. Clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless, or revealing, has slits above the knee, or is formfitting. Dresses and skirts must be knee length or longer. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and colors. Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercings are inappropriate. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas.

BYU–Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

Good taste, common sense, discretion, consideration, and high moral standards are the watchwords for dress and grooming. Flagrant behavior or extreme dress and grooming at any time or in any place may result in a review of the individual’s understanding of the expected behavior or grooming. Clothing is to be modest in fabric, fit, length, style, and appropriate for the occasion. Men’s and women’s dress should be reflective of their gender, and excessive or extreme styles should be avoided. For women, wardrobe selection should reflect modesty and femininity becoming a Latter-day Saint woman. For men, clothing should reflect good taste and masculinity becoming to a priesthood bearer.

The following supplemental information is provided to give students, staff, faculty, and administrators’ general guidelines in determining appropriate from inappropriate attire and grooming. Because of the constant change in dress and grooming styles, some trends, fads, or fashions common in the world may be determined inappropriate. The Dean of Students, after consulting with his/her staff and the President’s Council, reserves the right to determine that a specific style or fad is inappropriate and thereby unacceptable at BYU–Idaho.

Failure to comply with the Honor Code or Dress and Grooming Standards could result in suspension from BYU–Idaho.

Dress and Grooming for Women

Classroom Attire and Appearance:

Appropriate

Dresses, skirts, and blouses or sweaters - Dressy sweatshirts
Modest pants, slacks or jeans must be ankle length.

Inappropriate

Bib overalls (all styles) Caps or hats

Clothing is inappropriate when it:

- is above the knee
- has slits above the knee
- is low cut
- is backless
- is sleeveless

Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercing

Hair: extreme styles or colorations, or unnatural colors

Long johns or underwear styles

Low-cut or revealing necklines

Patched, faded, frayed, torn, or tight, formfitting clothing

Shorts of any length

Suggestive or vulgar wording or pictures on apparel

Sweat suits or PE-type clothing

Tank tops or sloppy tops, or midriff shirts/blouses

Flip Flops

Dress and Grooming for Men

Classroom Attire and Appearance:

Appropriate

Dress shirts, shirts with collars, and dressy sport shirts
Jeans that are neat and clean
Ankle length or longer slacks or pants
Sports coats, blazers, ties, and Sweaters
Dressy sweatshirts

Inappropriate

Beards (no 5 o'clock shadow)
Bib overalls (all styles)
Caps or hats
Earrings and all other body piercing
Grubby attire
Hair: no ponytails or pigtails, braids, designs, carvings, complete shaving, or extreme styles or unnatural color or tipping
Headbands or bandannas
Patched, faded, frayed, torn, or tight, formfitting clothing
Shorts of any length
Sweat suits or PE-type clothing
Suggestive or vulgar wording or pictures on apparel
Tank tops
Flip flops

Dress Standards for Men and Women

Activity and Recreational Events Attire:

Dress standards for each event will be specified prior to the event. If no standard is specified, the minimum standard will be campus attire. Modest length shorts may be worn at specified outdoor activities and recreational events but are otherwise not acceptable campus attire. Modest casual attire may be worn at specified indoor activity or recreational events.

Concert and Drama Attire:

The minimum standard for men will be shirt and tie. Jeans are not acceptable. The minimum standard for women will be a dress (or a skirt and blouse or sweater). Care should be given to ensure that dress and appearance are compatible with the event attended. 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. Not acceptable: tennis or athletic shoes, t-shirts, kilts, jeans, or grubby attire.

Ladies: A formal is optional, while Sunday dress is recommended. A modest dress with the hemline or slits knee-length or below with dress shoes (required). Not acceptable: tennis or athletic shoes, sleeveless dresses, spaghetti straps, low-cut necklines, immodest use of sheer see-through unlined materials, and open back dresses below the shoulder blades.

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.

Procedures and processes for enforcement of appearance are outlined in the Student Handbook.

Please feel free to visit the Honor Office in Kimball 270, call us at (208) 496-1120 or e-mail us with your questions or comments.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY–IDAHO HOUSING

A. All Single Students Must Live in Approved Housing

All single students must live in approved housing unless they live at home with their parents. Students who wish to live with a relative or local family friend must receive approval from the Housing Office. Variances are granted on a case-by-case basis and do not constitute an approval of the house, but rather a temporary approval of the situation for a particular individual and it may be withdrawn by the university at any time. Single students over 30, those whose spouse has passed away, those who are divorced, and students who are married but whose spouse is away for military duty must receive permission from the Housing Office to live in approved housing.

Students who have been dismissed for an Honor Code violation, those on Academic Suspension, individuals who have not been admitted as BYU–Idaho students whether they are taking Continuing Education classes or not, and single students with children must seek housing in the community market.

All students living off-campus must provide the university with their current local street address while enrolled at BYU–Idaho. Students giving a false address would be in violation of the Honor Code and are subject to disciplinary action through the Dean of Students Office.

B. Separation of Single Male and Female Students:

All approved housing units must provide for the appropriate separation of single male and female students. BYU–Idaho reserves the exclusive right to determine how its policy of separating the sexes should be implemented in each apartment complex.

C. Apartment Management

To achieve a reasonable level of supervision pertaining to the student housing and Honor Code standards relating to student conduct, each complex must have an on-site manager who meets the expectations established by the Housing Office. Resident Assistants (RAs) are also required in larger complexes, and encouraged as needed in smaller complexes, as indicated in the Off-Campus Housing Guidelines.

STUDENT WARDS AND STAKES

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 Night Family Home Evenings and Tuesday Activity Nights contribute to the spiritual and social growth of each student. Progress towards spirituality and righteousness is greatly enhanced through participation in the Sacrament, Priesthood, Relief Society and auxiliary meetings provided each week.

The foremost mission of Brigham Young University–Idaho is to encourage students to live the principles and build testimonies of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Since many more students want to attend Brigham Young University–Idaho than can be accommodated, participation in church meetings is a requirement for continued enrollment. Students who fail to take advantage of the spiritual environment of Brigham Young University–Idaho may forfeit their bishop's endorsement so that another deserving student may attend.

HONOR CODE VARIANCES

This document is designed to be an informational introduction to the Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards, and Residential Living Standards. The University makes every effort to ensure the accuracy of the contents of this document, but reserves the right to make changes at any time without prior notice. This document also does not modify or abrogate any policies or procedures set forth in the Honor Code, Dress and Grooming Standards, Residential Living Standards or University Policy. The most accurate and up-to-date information may be found at <http://www.byui.edu/DeanOfStudents/default.htm>