

Student Honor

Student Honor is following the path of discipleship and learning to be more like Christ—learning to think, to feel, and to act more as He does.

Living a life of honor:

- Begins as we learn and live the baseline standards of the Honor Code, understand their purposes, and are true to the promises we have made.
- Continues as we heed promptings of the Spirit to raise our personal bar of righteousness and foster a spirit of integrity, sacrifice, consecration, love, service, and willing obedience as students and throughout our lives.
- Prepares our hearts for devoted discipleship in the family, church, work, and community.

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 Kim B. Clark stated:

It is true that flip-flops and an unshaven face are not big things. But it is just like the stories of pride and greed in the Book of Mormon; failure to do the small things can, in a short period of time, lead to failure on the big things. The principle is so very clear; obedience to the small things creates a spirit of obedience in all things, and thus protects against evil and invites the blessings of heaven. Following the rules about the small things establishes a great spirit of obedience on the campus. It creates a context of respect for learning and for the university that encourages a spirit of order and reverence. In that context of obedience and reverence and order, the Holy Ghost can minister on this campus. These blessings come to you individually and to us as a community.

Continuing Student Ecclesiastical Endorsement

The Board of Trustees of Brigham Young University–Idaho requires that every student attending BYU–Idaho have an annual ecclesiastical endorsement from the bishop of the ward in which they reside. The endorsement “fosters communication between students and ecclesiastical leaders. It gives bishops an opportunity to review a student’s understanding of and commitment to the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards.”

BYU–Idaho Dress and Grooming Standards

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.

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.

Dress and Grooming Standards

Women

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained at all times.

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. Pants, slacks or jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no capris or shorts may be worn on campus. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles and unnatural colors. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. Excessive ear piercing (more than one pair) and all other body piercing are inappropriate. Shoes should be worn in all public campus areas. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.

Men

A clean and well-cared-for appearance should be maintained.

Pants, slacks, jeans should not be patched, faded, frayed or torn and must be ankle length--no shorts. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colors, and trimmed above the collar leaving the ear uncovered. Caps or hats should not be worn in buildings. 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. Flip-flops and other casual footwear are inappropriate on campus.

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 Student Honor Office in Kimball 270, call us at (208) 496-1120 or e-mail us at SHO@byui.edu with your questions or comments.

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY–IDAHO HOUSING

A. All Single Students Must Live in Approved Housing

All single students, unless over 30 years of age, 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. Exceptions 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. 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 Student Honor 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) or Student Living Coordinators work closely with apartment managers, where they reside.

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>