



Dress Code Policy

General

Ozark Bible Institute & College is committed to a standard of dress that is modest, conservative, and consistent with our emphasis on Bible Holiness. Modesty is not only an outward standard that OBI requires, but it also reflects a heart that wants to please God. Students attending OBI are ministerial candidates and are expected to express modesty through their behavior and attire (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:15).

Below are the guidelines for student clothing on or off campus and during ministry. If an article of clothing is deemed questionable, the student will refrain from wearing it. If you have questions, please contact OBI administration for clarification (Psalm 96:9; Titus 2:7; 1 Timothy 4:12).

Men's Apparel

Men's shirt sleeve length must be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ length at all times. No piercings, jewelry, or tattoos are allowed (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Sweat suits, jogging suits, and tank tops are not acceptable attire. No shorts are allowed at any time on campus. Masculine standards of dress are expected; no feminine articles of clothing are permitted (Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5).

Male students should have a conservative haircut with sideburns not lower than mid-ear (1 Corinthians 11:14). Hair should not touch the collar or ears. Extreme hairstyles and coloring of hair are not permitted. Hair should be neatly combed. Men should be clean-shaven with no mustaches and beards. No jewelry is permitted, except watches and wedding rings (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Classes

During classes and practicums, church dress clothes are required for all class sessions, services, and ministry occasions. Casual clothing or footwear will not be an accepted form of clothing. No jeans or denim of any kind is allowed.

Men's apparel for the classroom must include a long-sleeve button-down dress shirt, dress slacks or suit pants, a sports coat or suit coat, and a dress tie.

Women's Apparel

Skirts must be loose enough to avoid the definition of the body or underclothing (Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5). Thin, sheer, or flowing fabrics should be lined with a slip. Skirt length should be closer to the ankle than the knee, (approx. 3 inches below the knee), at all times. No splits (1 Timothy 2:9; Titus 2:3).

Sleeve length must be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ length at all times, and they should not be sheer. Necklines must be discreet. They should be no lower than 1 inch below the collarbone (1 Peter 3:3-4). No jewelry is permitted, except watches, and one wedding/purity ring (1 Corinthians 9:25).

The application of cosmetics in any form is prohibited (foundation, powder, mascara, eyeshadow, lipstick, lip gloss, or any other product that alters the appearance). Chapstick, moisturizer, or lip balm is acceptable if it is not tinted. No fingernail polish, clear or otherwise (Proverbs 31:30; 1 Timothy 2:9).

We ask all women to not to cut or color their hair (1 Corinthians 11:15). Please practice modesty in hairstyle choices and avoid excessive or extravagant styles (1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Timothy 2:9-10).

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Women's apparel for the classroom must include a dress blouse/top and dress skirt or a church dress that meets school guidelines, is the appropriate size and not revealing (torso and back must be covered). All the above apparel parameters apply.