

## DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

### Preamble

*Noting* that the University is committed to the development of its students' learning and character,

*Conceding* that the students are entitled to freedom of expression, which they may assert through the manners in which they dress.

*Recognizing* that assertion of the freedom of expression through dressing without some form of moderation or prescription of what is reasonably acceptable in the University community, especially in academic (including library) and office areas may incrementally undermine the very essence of building good character and encourage diverse forms of sexual harassment, including but not limited to sexual assault, abuse, exploitation, advances, and stalking, all of which may have negative impact on academic standard and on the psychology of the student being harassed,

*Noting further* that some students do not discriminate between academic (including library) and office areas and non-academic and outside office areas in their appearances, and that it is desirable for them to do so.

*Realizing* that it is imperative for the University to provide guidance to students, without necessarily inhibiting their choices and creativity, on how they should appear generally on campus, especially in academic (including library) and office areas, in order to promote decency and respect among students, between staff (academic and non-academic) and students in their official interactions,

The University hereby formulates this policy on dress code for its students as follows:

1. Undergirding Principles of Dress Code  
In all appearances, students should note that cleanliness, neatness, modesty, decency and appropriateness in dressing are important values which reflect individual dignity and sobriety through which students as well as staff and faculty represent the professional status of their respective disciplines.
2. Dress Code
  - (a) Students should maintain a clean and well-cared for appearance in all settings on campus.
  - (b) For the avoidance of doubt, male and female students are not allowed to wear the following in the academic (including library) and office areas, that is,
    - (i) Extremely tight-fitting clothes, including skirts whose lengths are indecently above the knees, trousers, and blouses;

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