

**Approved By:** President

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**Effective Date:** July 16, 2018

1. **Summary:** This policy establishes requirements for student dress and attire while on the College campus.
2. **Rationale:** This policy is necessary to ensure that student dress contributes positively to the Christian and academic environment the College seeks to foster.
3. **Entities Affected:** students
4. **Definitions:** not applicable
5. **Policy:** As the school seeks to “provide ministerial and professional higher education for men and women,” it is important that students dress in accordance with the context that this mission creates. It is expected that men and women preparing to lead will dress in a manner that is modest, discreet, and appropriate for the occasion or circumstance. The personal appearance of students at Criswell College should reflect a lifestyle of personal purity. As Christian leaders, our goal is to exemplify Christ in our appearance as well as our actions. Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact the Student Services Office if a student needs to adjust their attire.

The following guidelines apply to both men and women of Criswell College.

- T-shirts with graphics or words that are in contradiction to Criswell College’s values are not permitted.
  - Shorts must reach mid-thigh in length.
  - Dresses and skirts must come near the knee in length.
  - Casual attire such as pajama pants or shorts are not permitted.
  - Footwear should be worn at all times on campus.
  - Low-cut necklines, sheer and revealing fabric, bare midriffs or bare shoulders, tank tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted on campus.
  - Undergarments must be concealed at all times and must not be visible through clothing.
  - Shirts are to be worn at all times including sporting events in the gymnasium.
6. **Procedure:**
    - a. **Implementation:** not applicable
    - b. **Responsibility for Compliance:** Vice President of Student Affairs and Communications
    - c. **Notification:** This policy will be posted on the College’s website and a summary of the policy will be published in the College’s *Student Handbook*.
    - d. **Policy Review:** This policy will be regularly reviewed according to the College’s policy review procedure.

For the Office of the President only:

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Related policies:

#### Policy History

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