

## Civilian Dress Standards

There are two standards of civilian clothing for midshipmen, one for every day use, including on campus, and another for specific NROTC events. These two standards mirror standards for liberty clothing in the Fleet.

- **Civilian Dress:** Midshipmen will always dress in a way that reflects credit upon the Naval Service. Midshipmen will not wear clothing, including gym gear, at any time, under any circumstances, that supports or depicts themes of racism, sexism, bigotry, overthrow of the government, the irresponsible use of alcohol, or the drug culture. These themes are contrary to Naval Core Values and the Oath of Office. Clothing worn to class, physical conditioning, intramural sports, and in Battalion spaces shall be conservative and non-revealing. Garments made of sheer or transparent fabrics will not be worn. Clothing that causes controversy or distracts other students from learning and normal interaction with faculty and peers is never appropriate for either gender in an academic environment. The NROTC Staff and the Battalion Staff and chain of commands reserve the right to advise midshipmen on the appropriateness of civilian attire. Dirty, sweaty, or foul smelling clothing is never acceptable, except, as the direct consequence of physical activity or service projects, and such clothing should be changed as soon as possible. Trousers, pants, and shorts will be worn at normal waist level. No part of undergarments should be visible (including straps) for either gender. Undershirts are not appropriate as outer garments, including government-issued uniform undershirts. Conservative shorts are acceptable for either gender, but both genders should be able to sit and stretch in a variety of positions without exposing private parts. Plunging or open necklines that expose the chest or breasts, or present breast cleavage are not appropriate for either gender. Most shoe styles are acceptable, except for shower shoes and bedroom slippers. The Battalion staff may specify a higher standard of civilian dress for Battalion spaces if deemed appropriate.
- **Appropriate Civilian Attire (ACA):** This is different from normal civilian dress acceptable on campus or in the community. ACA may be prescribed for certain NROTC events in which uniforms are not appropriate. ACA is commonly defined for either gender as a conservative collared sport or dress shirt and casual slacks with a belt. Female midshipmen may choose to wear an appropriate casual skirt in lieu of slacks. Collared shirts with the school logo and the NROTC label are fitting, but not necessarily required. Closed-toe casual shoes should also be worn with ACA.