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Dress Code Policy

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1. Introduction and Purpose

UCA-FEUC is committed to guiding students in maintaining appropriate standards of dress and personal presentation that are consistent with the cultural values and expectations of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), supporting a respectful and inclusive learning environment, and upholding the reputation, integrity, and professional standing of the University.

Appropriate dress and demeanour are integral to fostering a positive academic atmosphere, demonstrating respect for the UAE's national identity, and preparing students for professional conduct in academic, workplace, and community settings.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide clear guidance on acceptable standards of dress and personal presentation for students.
- Ensure alignment with UAE cultural norms, traditions, and legal requirements.
- Promote professionalism, modesty, respect, and mutual understanding within the UCA-FEUC community.
- Support students in representing the University positively in academic, professional, and public environments.

Scope of the Policy

Applicability:

This policy applies to all members of the UCA-FEUC community, regardless of level of study, program, or mode of delivery. This includes, where relevant, contractors, visitors, and third parties while present on campus or attending official University activities.

The policy always applies when students are:

- On campus, including classrooms, libraries, and cafeterias.
- Participating in academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.
- Attending official University events, ceremonies, or functions.

- Engaged in internships, placements, or fieldwork conducted on or off campus.
- Representing the University in the wider community, including professional, public, and virtual environments where appropriate.

Policy Ownership and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure ongoing alignment with UAE cultural expectations, regulatory requirements, and institutional standards. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to all faculty, staff, and students through official platforms, Code of Conduct procedures, and other institutional communications.

2. Definitions

- Dress Code refers to the standards of clothing, grooming, and personal presentation expected of students.
- Modest Dress refers to attire that is respectful of UAE cultural and social norms, avoids excessive exposure of the body, and is suitable for an academic and professional environment.
- University Activities refers to all academic, co-curricular, extracurricular, professional, and official events organised or endorsed by the University.
- Students refer to all individuals enrolled in any academic or non-academic program at UCA-FEUC.

3. Policy Principles

UCA-FEUC recognises the cultural and religious diversity within its community and the importance of the UAE traditions. This includes observing prayer times, religious holidays, and other significant cultural events.

Cultural Awareness and Respect

Students are expected to demonstrate cultural sensitivity and respect for UAE traditions, including consideration of religious practices, moments of prayer, and all other respected cultural norms and values.

Respect for UAE National Identity

All students must demonstrate respect for the UAE's national identity, including its culture, customs, social norms, and values. Appropriate dress is recognised as an important expression of respect within the UAE's social and cultural context.

Demeanour and Professionalism

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that always reflects positively on UCA-FEUC.

This includes:

- Maintaining professional behaviour and ethical conduct
- Presenting themselves in a neat, clean, and modest manner
- Adhering to dress standards appropriate to academic, professional, and public settings
- Upholding the University's values both on and off campus, including during virtual engagements where applicable.

4. Legal and Cultural Context

This policy is informed by, and aligned with:

- The laws and regulations of the United Arab Emirates.
- Local cultural customs, traditions, and societal expectations.
- Best practices within higher education institutions operating in the UAE.

Compliance with this policy supports the university's obligation to operate in a manner that respects UAE law, culture, and community standards.

5. Dress Code Standards

Students are expected to dress modestly, professionally, and appropriately always. Attire must be neat, clean, and suitable for a professional academic environment.

Prohibited Attire

The following attire is not permitted on campus or during university-related activities:

- Sleeveless clothing, including tank tops
- Excessively revealing, transparent, or tight-fitting clothing
- Clothing that exposes the chest, back, midriff, or undergarments
- Micro clothing, including short shorts or excessively cropped garments
- Beachwear attire.

- Slippers and other inappropriate footwear such as flip-flops.
- Clothing displaying offensive, inappropriate, discriminatory, or suggestive language, symbols, or images.

The University reserves the right to determine whether attire is appropriate in accordance with this policy.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Students

Students are responsible for:

- Always comply with this Dress Code Policy.
- Ensuring their attire aligns with UAE cultural expectations and University standards
- Responding respectfully to guidance or instructions regarding dress code compliance
- Presenting themselves in a manner that reflects professionalism

University Management

University management is responsible for:

- Ensuring consistent and fair implementation of this policy
- Demonstrating appropriate professional attire and conduct
- Addressing non-compliance in a respectful and culturally sensitive manner.
- Guiding the interpretation and application of dress standards

6. Compliance and Disciplinary Action

Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with university rules, regulations, and the Student Code of Conduct.

Actions may include:

- Verbal or written warnings.
- Requests to change attire.
- Restrict access at the main university gate/main door to university premises, classrooms, labs, library or common areas or university activities.
- Removal from classes or university activities.

- Further disciplinary measures in cases of repeated or serious non-compliance.

UCA-FEUC reserves the right to exercise discretion in the interpretation and application of this policy to ensure fairness, consistency, cultural sensitivity, and alignment with institutional values and UAE societal standards.

7. Reporting and Disclosures

Concerns or incidents related to non-compliance with this policy may be reported through established University reporting channels, including academic staff, student services, or campus management.

All reports will be handled confidentially, respectfully, and in accordance with university procedures. Disclosure of information will be limited to those with a legitimate need to know and will comply with applicable privacy and data protection requirements.

8. Revision History and Version Control

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