The dress code is based on the theory that learning to use socially acceptable manners and selecting attire appropriate to specific occasions and activities are critical factors in the total educational process. Understanding and employing these behaviors not only improves the quality of one's life, but also contributes to optimum morale, as well as embellishes the overall campus image. They also play a major role in instilling a sense of integrity and an appreciation for values and ethics.

The continuous demonstration of appropriate manners and dress insures that Dillard University students meet the very minimum standards of quality achievement in the social, physical, moral and educational aspects of their lives - essential areas of development necessary for propelling students toward successful careers. On this premise students at Dillard University are expected to dress neatly at all times.

The following are examples of appropriate dress for various occasions:

Classroom, Cafeteria / Student Lounge (Kearny Hall) and University offices – neat, modest, casual or dressy attire.

Interviews - business attire.

Social / Recreational activities, Residence hall lounges (during visitation hours) – modest, casual or dressy attire.

Balls and Galas - formal, semi-formal and dressy respectively.

Students may be denied entrance to various functions if their manner of dress is deemed inappropriate.

Examples of inappropriate dress and/or appearance include but are not limited to:

1. Do-rags, head scarves, stocking caps, skullcaps and bandanas are prohibited at all times on the campus of Dillard University (except in the privacy of the student's living quarters) for both men and women. This policy item does not apply to headgear considered a part of religious or cultural dress.

2. Baseball caps, head coverings and hoods for men in any building.

3. Midriffs or halters, mesh, netted shirts, tube tops or cutoff tee shirts in classrooms, cafeteria, Kearny lounge and offices.

4. Bare feet.

5. Short shorts.

6. Blue jeans at programs dictating professional or formal attire, such as Commencement.

7. Clothing with derogatory, offensive and/or lewd messages either in words or pictures.

8. Men's undershirts of any color worn outside of the private living quarters of the residence halls.

9. Pants must be worn fastened securely at the waist and are not allowed to sag below the waistline.

Any student found to be in violation of this dress code is subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.