



Dress and Appearance

The purpose of the CSI dress code is to help students transition from the more liberal dress codes generally observed in high school to the strict requirements of the Citadel's uniform. The CSI dress code requires students to meet specific standards of appearance without requiring specific articles of clothing. It also helps students make the transition to noticing the small details of their appearance, which will be a necessary skill during the school year. Students whose clothing does not conform to the dress code standards will lose points in accordance with the Accountability System and will be required to change clothing as appropriate to become compliant with the dress code.

Uniforms

- Students do **not** wear uniforms during CSI.

Hair

- All students must maintain a neat hairstyle during CSI. Students will **not** be required to cut long hair, but must keep their hair clean, brushed or combed, and off their collar.
- Students with long hair must pull it up when outside their rooms.
- No extreme hair styles or colors will be allowed in order to prevent distractions from the learning process.
- No facial hair is allowed.

General Clothing Guidelines

- Students are strongly advised to wear conservative clothing that does not draw undue attention.
- The hot and humid Charleston climate makes it important to dress comfortably and avoid heavy or restrictive clothing. Keep in mind, the average daily high temperature for June is around 88°F, and the average high in July is around 90°F.
- Students may wear pants, jeans, shorts, skirts, or dresses. All shorts and skirts must meet the "fingertip rule" and be conservative in cut and style. (Please see the CSI website for an example of a typical outfit.)
- Students may wear shirts or blouses with sleeves. Tank tops and undershirts worn as shirts are not allowed. All shirts must be conservative in cut and style.
- Clothing may not have the following on it: crude or offensive slogans or alcohol- or drug-related images/logos/slogans. A good rule of thumb: If in doubt as to whether your attire is appropriate----change.

- The CSI staff reserves the right to determine whether a student's clothing is offensive or presents a distraction. If the staff deems the item inappropriate, the student will be required to change.

Socks and Shoes

- Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times when outside the barracks room. ('Crocs' or similar styles with holes in the toes do not count as closed-toe shoes.)
- Sandals and flip-flops are only allowed as shower shoes or inside the barracks room.
- Shoes with laces must be tied at all times.
- Socks must be worn at all times and must be visible.
- White socks are required for all athletic activities and RPED classes.
- Socks must be pulled up to their full height at all times. Ankle socks are authorized, but socks that are intended to rest higher on the leg may not be worn pushed down.
- Running or other athletic shoes must be worn for all athletic activities and RPED classes.

Undergarments

- Underwear is required at all times.
- Underwear may not be visible outside the clothing, either through the fabric or above the waistband.
- For females, a bra is required at all times. A sports bra is highly recommended for all physical activity.
- Bras may not be visible outside the clothing, either through the fabric or at the neckline or shoulders, and should be neutral or black in color.

Jewelry

- The only authorized jewelry is a watch.
- Students may not wear any other jewelry, including earrings or other body-piercings, while on campus.
- Exceptions to this policy *may* be granted on a case-by-case basis for students requesting to wear jewelry for religious purposes, provided that the item is worn underneath the clothing. Students seeking an exception on these grounds need to speak with the CSI Coordinator before wearing the jewelry in question.

Swim Attire

- Female students are required to bring a conservative one-piece swim suit. Bikinis are not allowed.
- Male students are required to bring a pair of conservative swim trunks.

Other

- All clothing fasteners must be fastened in the manner in which the garment was intended to be worn. For example, shorts with buttons on the pockets must be buttoned. The exception to this is the top button of a collared shirt, which may be left undone.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times when outside the barracks room.
- Students must wear a belt with all pants/shorts/skirts that have belt loops.

- All clothing must be clean, unwrinkled, and in good repair. Clothing with holes, frayed hems, or other significant distractions may not be worn to class or other CSI activities. If you are bringing clothing that wrinkles easily, it is strongly recommended that you also bring an iron and small ironing board.
- Athletic clothing (gym shorts, white cotton undershirts, etc.) should be reserved for physical activities only, not worn to academic classes.
- No hats or sunglasses.