

A close-up photograph of a doctor in a white lab coat. The doctor is wearing a black stethoscope around their neck. They are holding a white pen with red and blue accents and writing on a clipboard. A silver watch is visible on their left wrist. A white keyboard is partially visible in the lower right corner. The background is a plain, light color.

SUDENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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Introduction

The student code of conduct is based on the principle that all students are expected to maintain a standard of conduct, which supports the Faculty commitment to excellence in education and scholarship and promotes good order and the good name and reputation of the Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka.

Scope

The student conduct regulations and procedures apply in relation to any activities engaged in or services and facilities enjoyed as a student of the Faculty of Medicine in any premises owned, leased or managed by the faculty & its vicinity. Disciplinary action shall also be taken against a student in respect of any alleged misconduct wherever and whenever it may have taken place when it is considered necessary to protect the interests and reputation of the Faculty and its members.

Dress Code

Faculty will adopt a strict dress code for students. The students have to adhere to the dress code specified for each of the activities a student has to follow. The guidelines include lectures, practical sessions, use of library facilities, examinations, clinical appointments & formal events of the faculty.

Students have to be dressed in a manner appropriate to the medical profession for academic work as well as clinical work.

The **dress guidelines** for specific activities are stated in **tables 1 & 2**.

Table 1 : Dress code for male medical students

| Type of dress | Lectures, tutorials, practical sessions, examinations, library use | Hospital visits, clinical appointments | Formal functions |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Trousers | formal with belt | formal with belt | black formal with belt |
| Shirts | light colored (short/ long sleeves) | light colored (short/ long sleeves) | white (long sleeves) |
| Hair | neat short cut | neat short cut | neat short cut |
| Beard | clean shaven | clean shaven | clean shaven |
| Name badge | + | + | + |
| White coat | + for practical sessions | + with stethoscope, pen torch in pocket & knee hammer in loop | - |
| Foot ware | formal with socks | formal with socks | black formal shoes with socks |
| Faculty tie | - | - | + |

Table 2 : Dress code for female medical student

| Type of dress | Lectures, tutorials, practical sessions, examinations, library use | Hospital visits, clinical appointments | Formal functions |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Saree & blouse | - | light colored saree & blouse with sleeves | light colored saree & blouse with sleeves |
| Skirt & blouse | long skirt & blouse with sleeves & high neck line | - | - |
| Dress | high neck line, hemline below knee | - | - |
| Hair | neatly tied at back | neatly tied at back | neatly tied at back |
| Name badge | + | + | + |
| White coat | + for practical sessions | + with stethoscope, pen torch in pocket & knee hammer in loop | - |
| Foot ware | formal | formal | formal |
| Saree brooch | - | - | + |
| Salwar kameez | + | - | - |

Prohibitions

i. Dress

- Shorts and informal trousers, those with extra pockets/slits
- Baggy shirts and T- shirts
- Miniskirts, mini frocks, slits in skirts that extend above knee, sleeveless tops, sleeveless frocks, sleeveless saree blouses, deep neck lines
- Clothing that conceals one's identity (veils, face masks and anything that covers the face and large loose dresses like cloaks & Abayas)

ii. Hair

- Long hair, spiked hair, tinted hair for male students
- Loose hair, tinted hair, fancy hair styles for female students

iii. Shoes

- Sports shoes, slippers

iv. Accessories

- Caps, fancy ornaments & fancy jewellery, multiple ear ornaments, multiple rings, tattoos

The academic staff members have been given the authority to warn and advice students who do not adhere to the dress code. They can ask the student to leave the lectures, practical classes, tutorials, discussion sessions, examination hall, ward classes and even the Faculty premises. If a student repeatedly violates the dress code despite warnings, the matter will be referred to the Dean, Faculty of Medicine for disciplinary action.

Student Discipline

Students are required to be familiar with the By-Laws in the universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and the contents of the prohibition of ragging and other forms of violence in educational institutions Act, No. 20 of 1998.

The Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, strictly adheres to the particulars listed below in the University Student Charter of 2012 of the University Grants Commission (UGC), and requires all students to be familiar with the content in the University Student Charter 2012. University Grants Commission, Colombo, 2012, p. 30-38 under the following headings:

Unethical and unlawful activities prohibited in the university

- a. Plagiarism and cheating
- b. Disorderly conduct, dissent and protests
- c. Disrespect and non-compliance
- d. Wrongful utilization of goods, services or information
- e. Unauthorized collection of funds
- f. Solicitation
- g. Possession and consumption of alcohol, drugs and tobacco within the university premises
- h. Gambling
- i. Harassment/violence
- j. Hazing/ragging
- k. Sexual harassment/sexual misconduct
- l. Theft
- m. Vandalism
- n. Unauthorized entry

Procedure for dealing with alleged breaches of the student discipline

Where it is alleged that a student has breached the student discipline, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with one of the procedures set out in the by- Laws made by the Senate of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka under section 29 (n) read with Section 135 (1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended by the Universities (Amendment) Act No.7 of 1985.