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MEMORANDUM FOR United States Corps of Cadets, West Point, NY 10996-1692

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #14: Civilian Clothes and Cadet Casual Authorization

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide specific guidance on the wear of civilian clothing and cadet casual. All cadets should reflect a neat, clean, and professional appearance at all times. This policy is punitive. Violations of the standards set herein are punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92, *Failure to Obey Order or Regulation*, and under the Cadet Disciplinary System under the provisions of Army Regulation 210-26, *United States Military Academy*, Chapter 6-17.

2. Cadet Casual. Cadet Casual is an optional uniform available to Cadet Corporals and above. Cadet Corporals and above are authorized to wear Cadet Casual after their last duty within Cadet Area, Grant Hall, the First Class Club, on Walking Privileges, OPPs, Pass, and Leave. Cadets must visibly display ID cards on their person when wearing Cadet Casual within the Cadet Area.

(a) Cadet Casual pants consist of full-length khaki pants. No cropped pants, spandex pants, or cargo pants are authorized.

(b) Cadet Casual shorts are khaki shorts with a minimum length of no shorter than 4 inches above the top of the kneecap while standing, and no longer than 2 inches below the center of the kneecap while standing.

(c) Cadet Casual shirts are short-sleeved polo shirts with an official USMA logo.

(d) Shoes must be brown or black leather or patent leather. Sandals must be brown or black and have a wrap-around heel strap. No flip-flop sandals. Minimal accent/piping is permitted along the edges of the shoe. Logos must be subdued.

(e) Cadets are authorized to wear the following outer garments with Cadet Casual:

(1) IPFU jacket

(2) ACU fleece (if the green fleece, all patches must be removed)

(3) Parka

(4) Official class blazer or fleece

(5) Corps Squad letter sweater

(6) Any official West Point outerwear, with an official West Point logo visible on

the outside of the garment.

(7) Black, white, or grey civilian jackets or fleeces with subdued logos.

(f) Male Cadets: Solid black or brown belt must match color of footwear.

(g) Female Cadets: Skirts and capris may be worn, but skirts must be 3 inches above the knee or longer. Female Cadets may wear their hair down in Cadet Casual.

(h) While in Cadet Casual, jewelry will be worn in accordance with AR 670-1 guidance for the ASU uniform.

(i) Cadet Casual pants/shorts/skirts/capris must be generally khaki in color. Colors such as gray, charcoal, white, or green are not authorized.

(j) Socks are not required for wear with shoes that do not require socks (i.e. boat shoes).

3. Civilian clothes. Civilian clothes are authorized by rank at the following times:

(a) Cadet First Sergeants and above. Cadet First Sergeants and above are authorized to wear civilian clothes after their last duty within Cadet Area, Grant Hall, the First Class Club, on Walking Privileges, OPPs, Pass, and Leave. Cadets must visibly display ID cards on their person when wearing civilian clothes within the Cadet Area.

(1) Cadet First Sergeants and above are permitted to wear civilian clothes to non-televised, non-Academy-on-Academy, and non-ticketed sporting events.

(2) Following the completion of sporting events, Cadet First Sergeants and above are permitted to attend tailgating events in civilian clothes during non-duty hours.

(3) Cadet First Sergeants and above are not authorized to wear civilian clothes in academic buildings (including the library), unless by exception by the BTO.

(4) Cadet First Sergeants and above are authorized to wear and dine in civilian clothes at the Mess Hall during optional dinners. Civilian clothes worn in the Mess Hall must adhere to the minimum level of civilian dress stipulated in section 3.

(5) Cadet First Sergeants and above are authorized to wear business or semi-formal civilian clothes to Broadway performances and casual civilian clothes to Country performances at Ike Hall Theater.

(b) Cadet Sergeants. Cadet Sergeants are authorized to wear civilian clothes while signed out to OPPs or Pass/Leave during the AY.

(1) Following the completion of Winter Reorganization Week, Cadet Sergeants will be authorized to wear civilian clothes in accordance with paragraph 2a of this memorandum.

(2) When not authorized to wear civilian clothes, Cadet Sergeants are authorized to wear IPFU/APFUs, the duty uniform, or Cadet Casual.

(c) Cadet Corporals. Cadet Corporals are authorized to wear civilian clothes when departing on Pass/Leave during first and second semesters. Cadet Corporals must wear Cadet Casual when taking OPPs and Walking Privileges.

4. Minimum level of civilian dress:

OCCASION	MEN	WOMEN
<u>Formal</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark business suit or tuxedo (Dark Gray, Charcoal, Navy, Black) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long/Short formal dress • Formal pant suit
<u>Semi-Formal</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business suit • Conservative sports blazer with slacks • Shirt w/tie • Sweater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short or long dress • Dress slacks or skirt • Jacket blazer • Blouse • Sweater
<u>Business Casual</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress shirt, casual button-down shirt, open-collar or polo shirt • Optional tie • Loafers or loafer-style shoes, and socks • Optional seasonal sport coat or blazer with slacks or khakis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skirt, khakis, or pants • Open-collar shirt, knit shirt or sweater (no spaghetti straps or décolleté) • Dress
<u>Casual</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collared shirts (button down, polo) w/sleeves - Sweaters - Solid/pattern V/crew neck shirts - Graphics are authorized as long as they do not display inappropriate language or images - No tank tops of any kind. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dress top/sweater - Solid/patterned V/crew neck shirts - Graphics are authorized as long as they do not display profane language or inappropriate references/images

<p><u>Casual (cont.)-</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dress slacks - Jeans, no holes or stains - Hemmed shorts that extend to no higher than the length of extended arms held at sides, shoulders down, with fingers extended and joined - No cut-offs, frayed leg, spandex or athletic shorts • Shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must be clean and serviceable -Open toed-sandal with back/heel strap -If shoes have ties or straps, they must be used. -Flip-flops so long as they are leather and/or made of a high quality material. -Shower shoes are never authorized to wear outside barracks -Tennis shoes are Authorized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dress, shorts, skirts that extend to no higher than the length of extended arms held at sides, shoulders down, with fingers extended and joined. - Dress slacks - Jeans without holes or stains - No cut-offs, frayed leg, spandex or athletic shorts • Shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must be clean and serviceable -Open toed-sandal with back/heel strap -Flip-flops so long as they are leather and/or made of a high quality material. -Shower shoes are never authorized to wear outside barracks. - Tennis shoes are authorized -Running shoes used for PT are not authorized
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(a) Head gear. Head gear must be worn with the brim facing forward. All head gear must be appropriate in taste and style and may not display profane language or inappropriate references/images.

(b) Outerwear. Ski-jackets, pea coats, and top coats are acceptable. Sweat shirts and hoodies are authorized as long as they do not display profane language or inappropriate references/images. USMA/Army hoodies and sweatshirts are authorized for wear. All outerwear must be serviceable and appropriately sized for the wearer.

(c) Body piercings. Women are authorized to wear earrings consistent with paragraph 3–4d of AR 670-1. Men are not authorized to wear earrings on post or on duty IAW paragraph 3-4c of AR 670-1.

(d) Mixing Uniforms with Civilian Clothing. No part of a prescribed uniform, except those items not exclusively military in character may be worn with civilian clothing.

(1) Uniform items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by males are restricted to the gold cuff links, studs, tie bar, footwear, socks, gloves, undergarments, black bow-tie, wool scarf, all-weather coat, fleece caps, and physical training uniforms.

(2) Uniform items authorized for wear with civilian clothing by females are restricted to the white shirt without insignia of grade, undergarments, footwear, gloves,

handbag, clutch purse, wool scarf, all-weather coat, fleece caps, and physical training uniforms.

5. "Go Army" Spirit gear. West Point spirit gear is defined as any article of clothing that has written or graphic affiliation with USMA. Spirit gear must be black, gray, gold, or white in color, with the exception of company-specific spirit gear that is produced by and authorized by the company. Spirit gear may be worn by all Cadets at company/spirit events as long as it is worn in an appropriate and presentable manner. Spirit gear is authorized for wear with civilian clothes in accordance with class privileges and civilian clothes standards. This spirit gear may only be worn when approved by the TAC Team and in the area approved by the TAC Team.

6. Grant Hall. First Class Cadets are authorized to wear civilian clothes in Grant Hall after their last duty. The Second and Third Classes are authorized to wear the uniform of the day or Cadet Casual in Grant Hall. Cadets may wear IPFU/APFU to pick up food for take-out but not to dine in Grant Hall. Corps squad or Competitive Club attire is not allowed in Grant Hall at any time.

7. Academic Buildings. Cadets of all classes must wear the duty uniform or Cadet Casual when studying in Jefferson Hall or any academic building. Cadets are not authorized to wear civilian clothes in academic buildings. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the BTO.

8. Discipline. Failure to comply with the standards outlined above will result in the loss of civilian clothes privileges for the individual at the discretion of the Cadet's chain of command.

8. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Brigade Senior Enlisted Advisor at 845-938-7904.

Enclosure 1: Examples of Cadet Casual


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Enclosure 1: Examples of authorized Cadet Casual



Enclosure 2: Authorized and Unauthorized Cadet Casual Shoes

AUTHORIZED



1. This boot is all brown leather, is solid in color, has laces that go all the way up, and does not have any visible logos. Leather cowboy boots are authorized.
2. This shoe is brown leather, and has minimal accent (white) on the edges.
3. This shoe is light brown leather.
4. This shoe is brushed black leather, with minimal accent.
5. This shoe is patent black leather.

UNAUTHORIZED



1. This shoe is a high top with visible Nike logos.
2. This shoe is all white, non-leather, and has visible logos.
3. This shoe is non-leather, has more than minimal accents, and has unauthorized colors as accents.
4. This shoe is a cloth slip-on.

Enclosure 3: Authorized and Unauthorized Cadet Casual Pants and Shorts

AUTHORIZED



1. This pair of pants appears white in the photo, however they are a light Khaki color thus are authorized. White pants are not authorized.
2. This pair of pants is of a normal light brown/Khaki color.
3. This pair of pants is of a slightly darker Khaki color.
4. This pair of pants is of a slightly more brown color, but is within reasonable limits.

UNAUTHORIZED



1. This pair of pants is dark gray/charcoal. They are also denim.
2. This pair of pants is a very dark brown color.
3. This pair of pants is also a very dark brown color.
4. This pair of pants is cargo pants, and gray.
5. These shorts are made of denim and do not meet the length requirement.
6. These shorts are khaki in color but are cargo-style.