Dress Code for USA COM Medical Students:
The below dress code is to be followed while in Clinics-Hospitals-Clerkships and during clinical skills sessions with patients.
Professional appearance is important. Medical students working in the USA Hospitals and Health Systems are expected to maintain high standards of professional appearance in all locations.

**Business Attire Guidelines**

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<td>Dress Pants/ Slacks, slacks no higher than 2” above ankle, Dress or Skirts (at least 3/4 thigh length)</td>
<td>Male students: wear dress slacks or khakis and a dress shirt with regular tie/bow tie and white coat. Female students: may wear dress slacks, skirt /dress of appropriate length &amp; white coat.</td>
<td>Men’s polo style shirts, sweat shirts, t- shirts, Jeans (any color or any style) Sweat pants, Stretch pants, Yoga pants Leggings in any style or color Capri pant or shorts Sleeveless Tops Sandals or opened-toed shoes Plunging necklines or any tops that expose chest hair or cleavage</td>
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**Clinical Scrub Uniform Guidelines**

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<td>Official STEEL/GREY Scrub bottoms</td>
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<td>Any hospital issued scrubs, Opened-toed shoes, sandals or boots. Sleeveless tops Colored undershirts with visible logos. <em>(wear white or gray crew necks only)</em></td>
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<td>There is a certain style for medical students- check with Uniforms by Bayou. Uniforms clean, neat without wrinkles in good repair. Appropriate size and length, hemline not touching floor. Scrubs must be tucked in to pants. <strong>Shoes:</strong> No tennis shoes with mesh. Shoes must be black, brown, grey or white closed toe, non-skid sole, free from obvious colors or logos. Shoes must not be scuffed, dingy, unpolished or untied. No boots. Socks are Required— See note on shoes below.</td>
<td>Scrub tops that expose the chest or cleavage MUST be covered with under shirts. Students should wear solid white or gray crew neck t-shirts under scrub tops – Long sleeves are allowed in the winter. <strong>NOTE:</strong> During Surgery rotations-- T-shirts under scrubs are NOT allowed. Must wear them on all other rotations.</td>
<td>Thermal underwear, henley’s, any waffle type tops All Microfleece jackets are strictly prohibited from invasive procedural areas where a sterile field is required.</td>
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**SCRUB Uniforms:** Check with for the medical student official at SCRUBS by Zoghby’s 251-316-7336, for correct STYLE, COLOR of scrubs. Medical students should receive a discount. Medical Students are responsible for purchase, laundry and maintenance of scrub uniforms and may wear scrubs only when required for their clinical duties. **The color is Steel/Grey.** Students in direct patient care areas may wear hospital issued scrubs if their own uniform set of scrubs has been heavily soiled in the line of duty. Supervisory approval must be obtained prior to changing. Scrubs must be tucked in to pants.
**FINGERNAILS:** Nails should be neat and clean. No artificial nails or extenders nails; natural nails must not be longer than ¼ inch long and polish is NOT allowed.

**GROOMING/ FRAGRANCE:** Due to close contact with patients, guests and other members of the healthcare team, all medical students must be clean and maintain appropriate personal hygiene with regard to their body, hair and nails. Scented body lotions, fragrances and colognes should not be used to excess and may not be worn in patient areas. Cosmetics, if worn, must be modest. Medical students must exhibit good personal hygiene at all times.

**HAIR:** Hair must be neat and not distracting (not, for example, fluorescent or neon colors or stripes.) Hair must not interfere with an employee's ability to provide patient care. When providing patient care. **Hair longer than shoulder length must be contained and pulled back.** Short neatly trimmed beards no longer than 1 inch below the chin and mustaches are acceptable. Head coverings accepted when associated with professional, medical or religious rationale or are required for reasons related to practice or Board of Health Regulations.

**TATTOOS:** Visible tattoos must be covered.

**JEWELRY:** Rings are limited to two fingers per hand. Only two piercings per ear allowed. Earrings no more than 1 inch below earlobe. Jewelry should be small and in good taste and not interfere with job performance. Jewelry may not be worn in any other facial/tongue piercings during duty hours.

**TOBACCO:** The University of South Alabama and USA Health System are Tobacco-Free campuses.

**Identification:** USA MC ID badge & white coat are to be worn at all times while on duty.

**T-shirts under scrubs:** White or gray crew neck t-shirts under scrub tops must not hang out under the scrubs at the waist and all others layers must be tucked in and not visible at the waist. Long sleeve white or gray t-shirts are allowed under scrub tops in the winter months.

**SHOES:** NO tennis shoes with mesh allowed. Colors: Black, Brown, Gray or White Shoes are to be solid, wipe able, no open toe shoes in all clinical areas and no mesh shoes-- *(a needle stick should not be able to penetrate through)* Contact the Student Affairs office if you need example links to acceptable shoes.  
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**Questions? Contact The Mastin Building office of Student Affairs 251-471-7145**  
*Failure to follow the dress code will be grounds for disciplinary action.*

**NOTE:** Other USA Hospitals Scrub Uniform colors by department  
*(Color is determined by primary function)*  
Registered Nurses: **Landau Royal Blue** with white jacket  
LPNs and MAs: **Landau Ceil Blue** with white jacket  
Radiology/U/S,EKG,EEG Techs : **Landau Navy Blue** with coordinating jacket  
Laboratory (Lab Corp): **Landau Black** with coordinating jacket  
Therapy: **Landau Hunter Green** with coordinating jacket  
Pediatric Caregivers: Coordinating cartoon jackets  
Front Office Clinical Staff: Landau Steel Grey with coordinating jacket  
Mammography Techs: **Landau Pink** with Steel Grey jacket  
PA students: **Burgundy scrubs** & short white coat

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