From: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit Arizona State University  
To: NROTCU Battalion  
Subj: STUDENT HANDBOOK

6-7 Uniforms

1. Background. To establish uniform policy at NROTCU ASU, all hands shall be familiar with the content of this section and any uniform associated references. Wear and grooming standards prescribed in references (e) and (f) shall be adhered to and uniforms worn in the times and locations prescribed by this instruction and by routine published plans. Exceptions and additions for MIDN uniforms are prescribed in reference (g).

2. Uniform Wear

a. Uniform of the Day (UOD). During the academic school year, students will wear the UOD as prescribed in the Battalion Plan of the Week (POW).

b. Physical Training

(1) The required uniform for PT is the Navy PTU or Marine "green on green" as issued. Unit issued sweats can also be worn during cold weather with the top only, bottoms only, or both at the wearer’s discretion, with the PTU worn underneath. This may be augmented by a military colored watch cap (black/brown/tan) and/or dark colored gloves at the wearer’s discretion for additional cold weather protection. Sea Devil Battalion t-shirts are authorized for uniform wear at battalion events provided the dress is uniform for the entire battalion (e.g. all or none).

(2) For swim and water survival training, men shall wear conservative, dark-colored swim trunks or issued PT shorts. Women shall wear a conservative, dark-colored, one-piece swimsuit. The intent is for swimwear to be functional and modest.

c. Special Occasions. Uniforms for wear during special occasions and ceremonies shall be prescribed and promulgated in the POW. Examples include Battalion Changes of Command, parades/ceremonies, color guard performances, dining ins/outs and military balls, speaking engagements at veterans and service organizations, NJROTC engagements, Salute to Service week, etc. On these occasions, the command and battalion will wear the most appropriate uniform to the occasion in order to best represent the Navy and Marine Corps values and traditions. The Battalion Advisor shall coordinate with the unit Supply Technician to ensure uniforms are issued to MIDN in sufficient time to allow preparation for wear.

3. Definitions

a. Appropriate Civilian Attire (ACA)
(1) For the purpose of this SOP, appropriate civilian attire (ACA) is defined as attire that is clean, neat and in good repair in order to reflect positively on the individual wearing it and on the naval service. As ladies and gentlemen, personnel will err on the side of conservative dress and modesty.
(2) ACA generally consists of a collared shirt or blouse and Navy blue/black/khaki trousers or hemmed shorts (non-athletic, no cutoffs).

A belt shall be worn if the trousers/shorts have belt loops. Running shoes with socks or deck shoes/sandals are authorized.

(3) Skirts/dresses are authorized for ladies and shall be no shorter than 6 inches above the knee. Modify this length depending on the height of the wearer to ensure proper modesty is achieved when seated. Heels shall be no higher than 4 inches in height.

(4) Ball caps and head devices (worn in a non-religious capacity) shall not be worn inside unit spaces.

(5) Navy, Marine Corps or ASU-themed t-shirts, other colored hemmed khaki-type shorts and jeans are considered ACA if in good condition (i.e., no holes or tears in jeans).

Enclosure (3)

(6) Prohibited items include: Shower-shoe type flip flops (cheaply made and flimsy), tank-tops or tube-tops, bikini tops or bare midriffs, plunging necklines or spaghetti straps which expose excessive cleavage, baggy and/or excessively revealing clothing, clothing with holes, sweat pants, pajamas or scrubs, clothing with profane, sexist, extremist, political and alcohol/drug/tobacco slogans, cutoff shorts or frayed pants of any kind. At no time shall an individual wear an article of clothing which exposes what a reasonable person would consider excess skin (beyond shorts in good taste), particularly any portion of his/her buttocks, bare midriff, or excessive cleavage.

b. Dress Attire. Dress Attire is defined in section 7-5.a.2. Section 7-5.a.2.a does not apply to students when “Dress Attire” is annotated on the POW.

4. Grooming Standards. All personnel will strive to conform to their service’s grooming policies in a manner that NEVER calls into question whether they are within standards. For Navy, see reference (e); for Marines, see reference (f).

5. Additional requirements. Additional service or unit requirements for uniform wear may be implemented from time to time. These additional requirements will be disseminated via the POW.