

**What is an addendum?**

Oak Valley College publishes a full Catalog every year. The Addendum contains important information that has been updated throughout the past year or any changes that are immediately in effect.

The following question and answer section is designed to respond to common questions about how to use this important document. In this way, you will be able to access all the most up-to-date information available.

Why do we have an Addendum?

Oak Valley College is constantly reviewing curriculum, program requirements, institutional information and policies. Once changes have been decided it is important to have a print and web document that helps students, faculty, and staff locate all of these changes.

How do I use the Addendum?

The Addendum is to be used alongside the 2023-24 Academic Catalog, not in isolation. Meet with the President or Director of Student Services if you have questions about these changes and how they affect your academic plan.

Does the Addendum supersede the Catalog?

The Addendum is just that: an addition to the 2023-24 Academic Catalog. Whatever is listed in the Addendum does supersede what is in the Catalog. Once again, if you have questions about these changes, please contact the President or Director of Student Services.

Where can I find the Addendum?

The Addendum is on the Oak Valley College website www.oakvalley.edu/catalog and can be accessed from the Main Office.

We hope this document will be helpful to you. It has been prepared as carefully as possible to include all information available as of August 2023. Oak Valley College reserves the right to make changes as needs require, and to change, without notice, any of the information, requirements, and regulations in the Course Catalog and the Catalog Addendum. If you have questions about the content or any other part of this document, please contact the Office of the President at eblum@oakvalley.edu.



Oak Valley College Dress Code

The Oak Valley College Dress Code is applied in a similar manner to the Honor Code (www.oakvallecollege.org/honorcode). Students, professors, and staff should govern their personal appearance in a manner consistent with this code. When that falls short, it is appropriate for a peer (student to student or staff to staff) to approach the individual in a loving and supportive manner. If that fails to address the concern, an individual may bring the concern to a professor or College administrator to evaluate the situation. Typically, the situation will be addressed, in private after class, event, or workday.

Culture and tradition often dictates how to, appropriately, dress or appear. If you go to a wedding, men and women often wear semi-formal attire. If you work in an office environment in Southern California, you will likely wear California business casual attire.

The general standard or principle that is to be applied when considering dress and appearance is based on the context of what we, members of the Oak Valley College community, are here to achieve - live, learn, and grow within a Christian environment. The following prohibitions and exhortations regarding appearance and attire do not intend to foresee every circumstance. Rather, they provide examples to foster the formation of each person's conscience. In such matters, it is better to err on the side of caution and formality whenever questions arise.

1. When to Wear Business-Casual - When making classroom presentations or participating in OVC events, business or business-casual attire should be worn
2. General - Individuals should be clean and not exhibiting excessive body odor or perfumes (perfumes may trigger allergies when working within confined spaces)
3. Shorts/skirts - no "short" shorts or mini-skirts. Shorts and skirt length should be close to knee-level
4. Collars/v-necks - Necklines should not fall more than a few inches below the neck (no cleavage, bare backs, or strapless/spaghetti straps)
5. Shirts/tops/dresses - No exposed belly, hips, midriff, or shoulders (see through or sheer fabrics should be accompanied by a full undergarment, tank-top, or undershirt)
6. Shorts/pants - Shorts/pants should be worn at/near waist-level (no exposed undergarments)
7. Athletic Wear - Spandex, athleisure wear, sports bras, or sweat bottoms that are form fitting or skin-tight may be worn with appropriate covering or when they would be deemed appropriate to be worn within an office setting
8. Pajamas - No slippers, bare feet, pajamas, boxer shorts, or sleepwear
9. Branded clothing - No clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, vulgar or sexual content, or tobacco products
10. Costumes - No costumes (outside of Halloween or sanctioned special events). Costumes, when worn, should comply with the above standards

Students in violation of the dress code will be asked to leave class and will not be eligible to return until they have changed the article of clothing that fails to meet the dress code standards.