

Concert Attire

The following concert attire rules must be adhered to by students in Crane bands, orchestras, or choral ensembles. For all other ensembles (except those noted below) these concert attire rules are permissible, but other options may be allowed. If there are other options, the ensemble director will inform students in the course syllabus.

Exceptions to this policy include stage productions (Crane Opera Ensemble, Musical Theatre Workshop) where performers wear costumes, and West African Drumming and Dance Ensemble, where students will be provided with attire for the ensemble. Ensembles may also periodically engage in less formal concerts for which the concert attire below would not be appropriate, and in those cases, faculty may elect to require alternative concert dress such as t-shirts/jeans, etc.

NOTE: Those students who began at The Crane School of Music prior to fall 2020, and therefore under the previous concert attire rules, may continue to wear the appropriate concert attire they have already purchased. This “grandfather” exemption expires at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Students should be mindful that the purpose of this concert attire policy is to create a generally uniform and professional look on stage that is both inclusive and accessible of and for all students who attend The Crane School of Music.

Concert Attire: Concert Black

Tops

Solid black long-sleeve dress shirt, blouse or dress. Blouses and dresses with a $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve are permissible, but short sleeves are not.

- Collared shirts should be buttoned to the top button, and must be accompanied by a solid black necktie or solid black bowtie AND a solid black suit jacket or solid black blazer.
- For other tops, necklines may be rounded or V-neck, but must not be plunging, and a solid black suit jacket or solid black blazer is optional.

Notes:

- No white undershirt should be visible.
- Backs must be covered (no open back)
- No tuxedo jackets or ruffled tuxedo shirts
- No turtlenecks
- It is not permitted to use a black t-shirt, even if long-sleeve, as your visible top.
- Midsection must be covered completely when standing or seated. No skin should show between top and bottom.
- Black sheer is permitted only if there is black opaque material underneath it.

Bottoms Solid black dress pants, pantsuit, dress, or skirt that reaches fully down to the ankles.

Notes:

- Dresses and skirts must have no slit above the knee.
- Black leggings are not permitted.

Hosiery/Socks Solid black dress socks mid-calf (no ankle socks) or black stockings. Knee-high stockings may be worn as tops will be completely covered by skirts, dresses, or pants.

Footwear Solid black dress shoes. Shoes must be closed-toed, but may be slip-on or tied, flat or heeled. Strappy sandals, flip flops, and athletic shoes are not permitted.

Accessories Silver, gold, or pearly jewelry may be worn.
Necklaces should not contain easily visible displays of colors other than these.
Earrings should be studs or no more than 1 inch in length.
Wrist watches are permitted. Smart watches should be silenced and set to airplane mode