

# Prison University Project

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## Rules for Visitors to San Quentin – February 2016

*Please note that in order to enter the prison, you must have your driver's license, or whatever government-issued photo ID you were cleared with.*

### **Clothing:**

- No blue or denim clothing (beware of greys or blacks that might look blue in some light)
- No green, yellow, or orange clothing
- No white or grey t-shirts
- No sweats or other athletic attire

[Note: khaki, black, brown, red, dark purple, and pink are all fine!]

- Nothing tight, transparent, or low-cut
- No short skirts or dresses
- No shorts or pants that are not nearly full-length
- Nothing sleeveless (short sleeves are OK)
- No shirts that reveal one's stomach or back including when sitting, crouching, reaching, etc.
- No clothing with patterns resembling camouflage, or with overt or implied political messages that could possibly be viewed as "incendiary."
- Shoes must cover feet completely. No sandals or anything similar.

### **Other prohibited items:**

Please note: the list of items considered contraband is endless and constantly expanding, and the consequences of "misunderstandings" can be very serious for the program. Therefore, *please be sure to ask if you are not sure what is acceptable.*

- No bags
- No food but bottles of water are OK if in clear plastic

### **Specifically *disallowed* (and considered contraband) are:**

Cell phones, tobacco products, pocket knives, pagers, letters, chewing gum, recording devices, camera equipment, laptops, and anything else electronic, metal, or sharp.

### ***Acceptable* items include:**

Watches and jewelry, belts, underwire bras, eyeglasses, car keys, pad of paper, pen or pencil, and tissues.

Shaking hands is fine but *you may not hug people inside.*

Finally, as a reminder, prisons are essentially paramilitary organizations, and as a visitor to the College Program, you become a representative of that program. Your showing deference and respect for prison staff at all times is vital to our ability to maintain a positive relationship with the institution as a whole. *Therefore, no matter what, please always remain patient and civil with staff.*