



February 20, 2017

Average weather in San Francisco, 52 degrees

Today, I was dressing for a very much comfortable look. I was dressing not to please anyone, except for myself, due to the fact that I was in San Francisco and I was not going to do anything very important today, other than catching my flight at 11 PM. I wanted to dress comfortable and casual. I am wearing some joggers from Nike, as well as my Adidas Ultra Boost tennis shoes. On top, I am wearing my thin skit, long sleeve from Balenciaga. Everything I wore was very much an, 'on the go' style, which is something I choose to do on days I know I'll not want to be wearing tight clothing. I also knew that wearing all black would give myself a much more easier and sufficient time choosing colors, because black as well know can be an easier way out. I remember seeing pictures of celebrities just wearing all black, similar to what I choose, when they are on the go wearing errands. I encountered being curious if I should wear something on top, but knowing me, I did not want to have the hassle of carrying around another piece of clothing with me, because I emphasized wanting the ease of airport security, and on being on the small plane seat. However, I felt that my top was very form fitting, and I questioned if it was a little bit much, because it showed a lot of my body. Sometimes, I feel that people could misjudge me based on if my clothes are a little too tight, because it could show myself as being a bit feminine or the desire to show my body. But, then I think again and I remember I am dressing myself for me, no myself for someone else. I felt comfortable, chic, and pleased at the fact that it was nothing too dressed up.



February 21, 2017

Average weather in New York, 45 degrees

Today, I am seeing my friends who were visiting from California, and I knew we would be walking around a lot, so I chose to wear something similar to yesterday. I was emphasizing what I wore on comfort, while still looking put together. I did try that, 'on the go' look, with a bit more 'put togetherness,' by choosing to wear black denim. I am wearing a black bomber jacket from Alpha Industries, thin knit Balenciaga long sleeves, a cap from Off-White, black Acne jeans, and Adidas Ultra Boosts tennis shoes. I knew I should have just worn on of my Nike joggers, but I felt like wearing black denim, and it was a mistake! The jeans were a bit too tight, and it was not very comfortable. We were going to be headed to the World Trade Center, Century 21, and then DUMBO. I knew since we would be closer to the water, that it would much more windier than midtown, and it would be more chilly. That is why I chose to also wear long socks, and a bomber jacket. I guess I also emphasized trying to stay warm, depending on the location I would be in with my friends. I wore a hat, because I did not feel like doing my hair, and it was definitely an easy way out to make dressing myself quicker. and once again, I remember seeing celebrities wear mostly all black, with white shoes, and a cap, when they are 'on the go' to run errands to go to a quick brunch. I guess I am influenced by the way celebrities dress when they are on the go, female or male. I couldn't wear anything too thin because I knew I would get cold, and I knew I couldn't wear anything too dressed up, because it would be uncomfortable. I felt what I wore was appropriate for the occasion, and I felt myself in these clothes.

February 22, 2017. Wednesday

Average weather in NYC, 59 degrees in afternoon, changing to 42 in afternoon

Today, I definitely am not dressing for ANYONE. I definitely am not seeing anyone important, and today is all about a work day at school. Since I don't have any classes today, I would usually be staying at home, but I have a big project due tomorrow. I chose to wear my Nike joggers (my warmer ones), my Reebok tennis shoes (no laces), simple, black v-neck from Calvin Klein, and Canada Goose Langford styled parka. I am going to be working at school, mostly likely all afternoon, and all night, maybe even till the sun rises the next day. I was basing my outfit on weather and being comfortable. I knew the weather would be warmer in the afternoon, so I knew wearing a v-neck could let a bit more of ventilation through my parka, and if it gets hot I could just unzip my parka, or even take my parka off. However, at night it will be extremely cold, so I could simple zip up my parka, and pull the fur trim of the hood around my neck. Since I will be at school, focusing on finishing my project, I am not dressing to impress anyone. I knew I would not really be talking and interacting with much people, so I chose to wear something that I knew would be for myself and would allow me to focus on my work. I felt that wearing a parka like this, which both genders have all over New York, could be a bit very gender neutral, and actually everything I wore seemed a bit gender neutral. I felt what I wore was very appropriate for the occasion, and I felt comfortable.



February 23, 2017

Average weather in New York, 63 degrees

Today, I am seeing my whole class, and my teacher. I know for the few days, I have been dressing to be comfortable, while not caring much for what people I would see, or what I would present myself as, but today is different! I will be presenting my finished dress in my studio class so I felt a bit obligated to look much more well put together. I am wearing black distressed jeans, Prada boots, thin, black, knit Balenciaga long sleeve, with a thin, shearling, leather jack from All Saints. In a way, I felt wearing what I chose today would help boost my confidence and give an appeal to others, maybe thinking wow Andrew looks cool today. In a sense, maybe it is a bit sad that I feel people judge other people, especially in our school, based on what they wore, but I cannot agree more with that thought. It is a bit of a problem in our social standards when even I know that people do judge and treat you differently based upon what you wear. I even fixed my hair, and did a bit of covering up on my face, to finish off my look. I guess I was going for a 'chic,' and very serious look, trying to look fashionable. I know wearing all black helped me to make color matching a easier, and wearing boots would make myself look taller. I was inspired by seeing photos of celebrities in Korea, and as well as Instagram, looking very chic, giving off that sort of bad boy look. I knew the jeans were a bit tight, and I would maybe be judged by people on my way to school, and I have learned to get over that. These jeans are one of my absolute favorites, because it is comfortable, while still looking very stylist. I am noticing that I am considering sort of that 'gender' subject, thinking maybe it would be a bit girly to wear things like this leather jacket, or these jeans, and maybe a bit too 'punk rock' or 'goth' wearing these boots. But once again, I have learned to grow out of that phase of



being judged by others, in a way of sexuality and gender norms. If a as a man, wants to wear something maybe that is a bit feminine, and I am comfortable in it, then it is my decision and so be it. I felt extremely confident, my face expressions became more confident, and the way I walked and talked throughout the whole day could not have been any better. Yeah, it may not have been the most comfortable wearing these boots, but I felt excited in a way, while giving off a laid back vibe.

February 24, 2017

Average weather in New York, 70 degrees early afternoon, to 60 degrees late evening

Today, I will be seeing my friend from Colorado who attends NYU, whom I have not seen in almost a year. I will also be seeing my friends from school, and later at night I will be meeting my friends to party. I am dressing for that sort of cool, bad boy, chic, look which I think I did very well? I chose to wear a dark grey, short sleeve top from Topman, black, distressed jeans from Zara, black, distressed denim jacket, a ring, and black, suede, chelsea boots from Prada. I will be going to get coffee with my friend, then to SOHO with my other friends, and then meet my other friends later that night to drink. I wanted to look fashionable and chic today, and I chose almost all black because it makes color decisions a lot easier. I knew what shoes I wanted to wear, so I decided and built upon that decision. I headed from home, and first going to a coffee shop right near my apartment. I know my friend from NYU, always knew me as very fashionable, and I wanted to dress cool, showing that I have not changed. After, I knew my friends wanted to go to high end stores, so I also felt that dressing up would be a more appropriate than just wearing something too laid back. I wanted to go for a look where people would see me and think his style is pretty cool. I did not feel restricted in the way I chose clothes today, because I felt it was appropriate for what I would be doing. The weather was really amazing today, which is why it was fine to wear a short sleeve shirt, that would have great airflow with my denim jacket. And wearing distressed jeans would give great airflow too. The denim jacket was easy to carry, so it would not be a problem just taking it off. I thought a lot about dressing for a social standard, in which people would judge me based on what I wore, meaning if I looked middle class, or upper class. Since I would be going to luxury stores, I felt I needed to dress much better.

I felt confident in what I wore, and I felt very fashionable. and I also felt that my consideration for the weather was appropriate and well thought out.

“Whom do I wish to please, and in so doing whom am I likely to offend? What are the consequences of appearing as this kind of person as against that kind? Does the image I think convey reflect true my true innermost self or some specious version thereof? Do I wish to conceal or reveal?...and so forth” (Davis 1922: 24) (Kaiser 2012. 43)

I felt this quote applied extremely well to how I thought and I felt today, basing on what if I look too much like a bad boy, or what if those jeans are too tight, and people think it's too “feminine” or “too gay.”

February 25, 2017

Average weather in New York, 57 degrees in the morning, and 48 in evening

Today, I will be seeing my mom and step dad, who are visiting from Pennsylvania. I will also be seeing my friends later at night for a few drinks. During brunch with my parents, I knew I did not want to wake up extremely early to get ready, and decide what to wear. Especially in front of my parents, I do not care as much for what I wore. I wore everything comfortable, just like what I have been wearing in the beginning of my journal log. However, I did choose to wear a bomber jacket, because it was a bit cold and rainy. After brunch, we would be going shopping, and usually at a high end store, I would want to get ready, but for some reason when I am with my parents I feel much more comfortable in the decision making of what I want to wear, to be comfortable and laid back.

It is night now and I chose to wear my extremely distressed black jeans, a white version of that dark grey t shirt I wore, a leather jacket from MSGM, and combat boots from Coach. I usually wear this time of look when I know I will be going to the bars, then the club. I chose everything once again, based on wanting to look chic and a bad boy style. I chose what I wore because it is how I felt like dressing for the club. I guess a social decision was that I wanted to look cooler at the bars and club, looking fashionable. I usually don't feel any restrictions when it is an outfit based on night, and since there are little lights, it's easier to wear whatever I want, meaning style of clothing, relating to gender norms. I felt confident, and I felt cool.

February 26, 2017

Average weather in New York, 38 degrees

Today, is finally a day I will be not seeing anyone. Finally, I will not be dressing for anyone! it is a day where I will be working on my projects at home, and just go to school comfortably the next day. I literally am sitting here in my pajamas, and I am in the comfortableness of my own home. I guess it does feel good not going out, especially when the weather is so cold and windy. I am wearing my adidas running shorts, and some loose t-shirt from Armani Exchange. and since my home is shoes free, my feet can have a nice rest, as well! I did not have to think today about what to wear, I did not have to think about what others would think, and I did not have to consider any type of social or cultural factors today. I guess being in my own house, gives me a feeling of relief, and stress free thoughts, relating to what I need to do to myself or change, fashion wise to please myself and other people. Today is a day I actually do feel myself, in a different way. A much more natural and accepted way, and honestly maybe how things should be more often. I don't feel the need to impress myself or anyone, and I felt confident and comfortable still.

