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The first day of school always creates a feel of exhilaration in the air. There is just something about seeing friends after break, new books and beginnings, and, of course, picking out your "first day of school outfit" that adds excitement to the typical school day. Fashion in Arizona, and specifically at Arizona State University, is very unique during the winter months.

Instead of being bundled up in a groggy winter coat like everyone else in the United States, Valley residents enjoy the perks of our 70 degree weather and get to flaunt the newest spring trends as early as January. Today, as I walked through campus enjoying the beautiful weather and seeing old faces, I couldn't help but notice the great style that is very prominent on the campus at ASU. It is truly inspiring how each individual takes current, new, and personal style and is able to create a look that is uniquely his or her own. In My Shoes would love to highlight these individuals and investigate what inspires them on a daily basis.

Sure, it is easy to roll out of bed last minute and go to class in pajamas, but what fun is that? Aside from the very popular college "sweatpants" trend, there were many things I spied again and again. For women, girlish skirts with pleats and embellishments, off the shoulder sweaters, maxi skirts with blouses, leggings with fun prints, and large totes were most popular. For men, skinny jeans, sweaters, zip-up hoodies, and stylish sneakers were everywhere. Since it may only feel like spring, incorporating pieces meant for warmer weather with winter trends is definitely the trick for creating a fashionable Valley outfit.



Merissa Ghezzi mixing feminine and masculine pieces. Top: Starting at Stones by Urban Outfitters, Leggings: H&M, Bag: LeSportSac, Glasses: Dolce & Gabbana, and Boots (not pictured): BP by Nordstrom



Rob Boring dressing to impress with a classic look. Button Up: Ralph Lauren, Jeans: Levi's, Shoes: Sperrys



Sammie Mao mixing a classic blouse with funky pants and vintage shoes to create a very unique look. Blouse: American Apparel, Pants: Urban Outfitters, Shoes: Vintage Store in China



Edrick Acosta making a casual look appear polished by focusing on details. T-Shirt: American Eagle Outfitters, Sweater: Pacsun, Jeans: H &M, Shoes: Vans



Alexa Camillo incorporating spring items into her winter outfit for the perfect Valley look. Top: J.Crew, Pants: Abercrombie & Fitch, Belt: J.Crew, Shoes: DSW, Bag: Sorority bag