

*Dressing professionally for job interviews shows respect and emphasizes your interest in the position. Make sure your attire is in good condition and aligns with industry standards.*

### **Business Professional Dress**

Expected at interviews unless otherwise directed.

#### **Suits**

Choose a classic pant or skirt suit. Both the jacket and bottoms should be the same color and fabric. Dark colors like black, gray, or navy are considered more formal.

#### **Shirts and Tops**

Choose a white or light-colored, long-sleeve button-down shirt or a blouse in a variety of colors or patterns. Shirts should be well-ironed.

#### **Socks or Stockings**

Choose neutral-colored stockings or dark socks that coordinate with your suit.

#### **Shoes**

Dark-colored leather or synthetic leather shoes in a classic style are standard. Shoes should be clean and polished, and heel height should be low enough for walking comfortably. Avoid open-toed or sling-back styles.

#### **Accessories**

- Ties or scarves: Choose a simple, classic pattern and color that coordinates with your suit.
- Belts: A leather or synthetic leather belt with a simple buckle.
- Watches and jewelry: Choose items that complement, not overwhelm, your ensemble.
- Portfolios and handbags: Plain leather or synthetic portfolios and a simple handbag.

### **Business Casual**

Expected at employer information sessions, receptions or dinners, and alumni receptions and events.

The range of clothing options is more flexible in a business casual setting. The following examples would be acceptable in a business casual session:

- Professional slacks or skirt with a suit jacket or blazer of a different color, fabric, or pattern.
- Professional slacks or skirt with a business shirt and tie, blouse, or sweater.
- Professional dress with or without a cardigan or jacket.

#### **Additional Tips**

- Plan your outfit and try it on before your interview to ensure it fits well and is comfortable.
- Make sure your attire is wrinkle-free. Iron shirts, suits, or dresses.
- Interview clothing is more formal than typical workday attire. Consider how an employer might view your grooming, piercings, tattoos, skirt length, heel height, etc.
- Accessories, cosmetics, and fragrances should complement your ensemble, not overpower it.
- If your tradition requires it, religious dress is appropriate for interviews.
- Matching the industry's clothing culture and expectations shows that you have done your research.
- Be mindful of industry expectations, but also remember to maintain your authenticity.

**If you are not sure what to wear, ask a career adviser.**