

# GETTING IT RIGHT . . .

## HOW TO DRESS FOR INTERVIEW SUCCESS

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If getting that job with your dream company is really important to you, then heed the advice of experts and make sure you dress right for the interview! The primary goal in dressing for an interview is to feel great about ones appearance, while projecting an image that meets the requirements of the position and company. Dress conservatively – that means a suit – unless the recruiter has told you in advance that you may dress casually.

### Men and Women

- Conservative two-piece business suit (solid dark blue or gray is best)
- Conservative long-sleeved shirt/blouse (white is best; pastel is next best)
- Make sure your shoes are clean and polished
- Comb your hair: conservative style and out of your face
- Trim your fingernails and make certain that they are clean
- Use minimal cologne or perfume
- Remove visible body piercing (nose/eyebrow rings)
- Carry a notepad or portfolio case

### Men

- Wear a silk tie; the colors should complement the suit and the pattern should not be overstated
- Dark shoes; black lace-ups are recommended
- Beards are not recommended; if you have one, be sure it is well groomed. The same follows for mustaches
- Don't wear jewelry other than a wedding ring or college ring

### Women

- Always wear a suit with a jacket (skirted suits are still recommended); no dresses
- Wear low heels/pumps; no sandals
- Conservative hosiery at or near skin color . . . be careful of runs
- Do not carry a purse into the interview
- If you wear nail polish, choose a clear or conservative color
- Wear minimal makeup (not too noticeable)
- No more than one ring on each hand; and one set of earrings only

**Other general suggestions:** Feel free to dress very casually for employer informational meetings on campus . . . it's expected. However, be sure to dress in interview attire if you are selected for an on campus interview. If invited for a site interview after your campus interview, be sure to clarify the dress code with your host. Normally, you would take along a suit as well as business casual clothes. Remember that business casual means different things to different people. For men, you might consider a sports jacket with khakis. For women, a blazer or dressy cardigan sweater with dress pants/khakis are just a few suggestions.