

Professional Dress

Formal business attire is required for interviews and entails a well-tailored suit. Though this might seem too stuffy compared to your usual student attire, remember that it is wise to dress for the job you want, not the one you have. How you look will play a big part in determining employer interest.

Business Attire: (For Interviews and Career Fairs)

Women: Wear a solid colored (preferably black, navy, or grey), conservative suit with coordinated blouse in a subtle color. Wear closed-toed shoes in black, brown, or a neutral tone with a moderate heel. If you wear a skirt, consider wearing neutral pantyhose. Carry a portfolio or briefcase with you. Avoid short skirts, revealing necklines, jeans, bare shoulders, flip flops, 5-inch Jessica Simpson heels, and big purses. Make-up, fingernails, hair and jewelry should be very simple so as not to distract. Avoid heavy perfumes.

Men: Wear a solid colored, neatly pressed conservative suit (preferably black, navy, or grey), a collared shirt (pale blue, white, or other neutral colors), a simple tie, and shined dress shoes. Your socks should match your pants, not your shoes. Carry a portfolio or briefcase. Make sure to shave your beard and trim your hair. Keep jewelry and heavy cologne to a minimum.

Business Casual: (For less formal networking events)

Women: Wear a skirt or dress that is at or slightly above the knee or a pair of neatly pressed dress slacks or khaki pants. Pair with a loose-fitting and modest blouse and a jacket or cardigan to cover up your shoulders. Wear closed-toed shoes in a neutral tone with a modest heel.

Men: Wear neatly pressed dress pants or khaki pants with a cotton long-sleeved button-down dress shirt. Wear leather shoes with matching socks and a belt. A tie is optional, though we recommend wearing one for Career Fairs. In colder weather you may wear a sweater. Trim your hair and beard to appear well-groomed.

