



# WHAT TO WEAR

## What do I wear to my interview?

It's normal to feel stressed during an interview, so it's important to feel confident in what you're wearing. Plan in advance what you will wear so that you will look professional, feel like yourself, and can focus on what you have to say.

### Men

#### Color

- Charcoal and navy are best
- Pinstripe or solid patterns are appropriate
- Wear a white or light blue button down for the first interview
- Shoes should match the belt (leather to leather)
- Socks should match the pants

#### Fit

- Slacks can be plain-front or pleated
- You should not be able to step on your pants
- You look best in a suit that is tailored correctly for you
- 2 or 3 buttons on the suit jacket

#### How to Wear It

- Never button the bottom button of a 2 button jacket
- Shirts should be tucked in

#### Ties

- Keep it conservative
- No bold patterns or colors
- Striped ties are a good choice

### Women

#### Color

- Keep it neutral
- Black, grey, beige, or navy are appropriate
- Avoid bright colors especially reds, yellows, and oranges
- Hot colors may cause the interviewer to form an opinion of you before you even start speaking
- No bold prints (leave the Lilly Pulitzer at home)

#### Fit

- Skirts should be to the top of the knee
- Clothing should not appear stretched
- The small slit in the back of business skirts should not be spread wide when standing normally
- Avoid clothes you have to tug at and fidget with
- Wear what is flattering and makes you feel confident
- Shoes should be closed toe

#### How to wear it

- Tuck in shirt tails
- Collars go outside of jackets

#### Jewelry

- If it clinks and clanks, don't wear it
- No bangles or noisy bracelets
- Traditional is best
- Pearls are a good choice

# What's Business Casual?

Always assume that the appropriate attire is business formalwear unless someone very specifically states that business casualwear is appropriate. Even after it has been confirmed that business casual is appropriate, stay closer to formal than to casual until you've gotten a feel for how others dress.

## Men

Wear a nice pair of khakis paired with a polo or button down. Dress shoes or loafers are appropriate.

Business casual should be:

- Well-tailored
- Conservative
- Not overly fashionable

## Women

Dress pants, khakis, or a casual skirt paired with a cute top is appropriate.

Business casual should be:

- A good fit
- Length appropriate
- Shoulders covered

## Places to Shop

### Local

- Goodwill \$
- Entourage \$\$
- M.H. Frank \$\$\$

### Nearby

- Anderson Mall \$\$ - \$\$\$
- TJ Maxx \$\$
- Target \$\$
- JC Penny \$\$
- Belk \$\$

### KEY

Low-cost \$  
Affordable \$\$  
Expensive \$\$\$

### Greenville

- Haywood Mall \$\$ - \$\$\$
- Ross \$
- Clothes Mentor \$
- Dress Barn \$\$
- Loft \$\$
- Fab'rik \$\$\$
- J.Jill \$\$\$
- White House Black Market \$\$\$
- Smith & James \$\$
- Jos. A. Bank \$\$\$
- Jack Runnion Ltd. \$\$\$
- Rush Wilson Limited \$\$\$
- Men's Warehouse

# What to Wear to Your Job Interview

## Interview Attire for Men:

Clean shaven face or neatly trimmed beard

### Two-piece suit

- Cleaned and pressed
- Conservative colors like navy and dark gray

### Long-sleeve shirt, even in summer

- White or light blue solid color

### Empty pockets to eliminate bulges

### Conservative tie

### Belt matching color of shoes

### Leather shoes, black or cordovan

- Polish night before

### No earrings

### Clean, trimmed fingernails



## Tips

- ❗ Lay out your interview outfit the evening before and check for stains, tears or missing buttons.
- ❗ Make sure your interview clothing is clean and well pressed.
- ❗ Except for women's earrings, avoid body-piercing jewelry.
- ❗ Avoid perfume, cologne, and aftershave.
- ❗ Men should be clean-shaven. A carefully trimmed beard or mustache is also acceptable. Avoid stubble that looks like a few days of growth.
- ❗ If possible, cover your tattoos.
- ❗ Wear clothes that fit.
- ❗ Do not wear flashy jewelry or watches.

## Interview Attire for Women:

### Two-piece, matched suit

- Skirt should cover thighs when seated
- Navy, black, gray or dark brown

### Tailored blouse, shell or knit top

- Do not show cleavage
- Avoid gaping at chest

### Leather Shoes

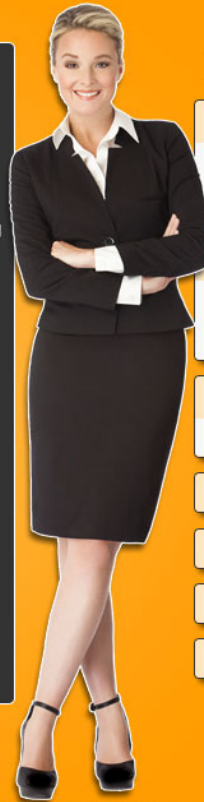
- No stilettos or platforms

### Carry only one bag or tote

### Avoid perfume

### Avoid heavy makeup

### Clean, trimmed fingernails



You only get one chance to make a good first impression with a potential employer. The clothes you wear are the first part of that first impression, so dress to impress. A business suit says you mean business, even though it may make you feel overdressed and uncomfortable. It shows that you care about making a good first impression. Thousands of people are eliminated as job candidates every week merely because they were not dressed appropriately for the interview, but a business suit is always appropriate.



# Professional Dress Retail Student Discounts

- *Many retailers offer discounts on purchases for students. Discounts are often 15% or more, just be prepared to share your student ID.*
- **Eddie Bauer**: Eddie Bauer will often offer discounts depending on location for students who show their student IDs.
- **J.Crew**: Show a college student ID at any J.Crew store, and get 15% off all full priced items.
- **Oasis**: Get fashion from Oasis, Coast London, and Warehouse at a 20% discount as a StudentRate.com member.
- **Toms**: Students can get free shipping on all orders with Toms Shoes.
- **Banana Republic**: Take 15% off all full-priced purchases at Banana Republic stores with a valid student ID.
- **Ralph Lauren Rugby**: Visit Ralph Lauren Rugby online or in store to acquire 15% off items.
- **CollegeBudget**: Check this daily deals site to learn about major discounts on items such as clothing and electronics.
- **Charlotte Russe**: Some Charlotte Russe locations offer students 10% off all merchandise.
- **The Limited**: Students with a valid ID will offer 15% off every in store purchase at The Limited.
- **Club Monaco**: Show student ID to save 15% - 20% at Club Monaco store locations.
- **Madewell**: Students can attain 15% off at Madewell just for sharing their ID.
- **Kate Spade**: Kate Spade stores share a 15% discount with student ID.
- **Ann Taylor**: Students can get 15% off just for showing their ID in stores.
- **Goodwill**: Local Goodwill stores often offer 10% off with student ID.
- **ModCloth**: Students can get 10% off on online purchases with their student ID.
- **Levi**: Levi offers 15% off both in store and online with student ID.
- **Dockers**: Students can receive 20% off purchases using their student ID.
- **Vineyard Vines**: Vineyard Vines will gain 15% off in person stores by showing student ID.