Interview Dress

What you wear conveys how important the opportunity is to you. The primary goal in dressing for an interview is to feel good while projecting an image that matches the requirements of the position and organization. The professional standard is to wear a two-piece, matching suit in gray, navy, or black. If are uncertain about attire, check with a career counselor or an alumnus at the organization.



BUSINESS CASUAL

Business casual is one notch down from traditional interviewing attire. When the dress code is business casual, keep in mind it's not appropriate to wear your favorite old t-shirt, ripped jeans, old sneakers, or flip-flops. Remember the "business" part of business casual, and leave your old comfortable clothes at home. Outfits should still be clean, pressed, and fit properly. Sandals or peep-toe shoes may be permissible in some offices but save flip-flops for the weekend.

NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Along with attire, non-verbal communication is also an important factor to keep in mind while interviewing.

- Be aware of your body language and smile
- Be relaxed, but exude energy; have a firm handshake
- Avoid distracting body motions, such as adjusting hair and clothes
- Make eye contact when speaking with the interviewer(s)
- Sit comfortably, but attentively with good posture