

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS IN YOUR INTERVIEW

Depending upon your fashion style, whether it is the latest trends for the club scene or merely college senior casual, a job interview may be cause for some drastic wardrobe augmentation. For your interviews, some of your individualism might have to be shelved or kept in the closet.

In most business and technical job interviews, when it comes to your appearance, conservatives and conformity are in order. While many companies have adopted the “office casual” dress code, don’t try to set new standards in the interview. When in doubt, it is better to be too conservative than to be too flashy. For men and women, a suit is the best bet. Here are some guidelines:

### Men

- A two-piece suit will suffice in most instances.
- Solid colors and tighter-woven fabrics are safer than bold prints or patterns.
- Bright ties bring focus to the face, but a simple pattern is best for an interview.
- Wear polished shoes with socks high enough so no skin is visible when you sit down and cross your legs.

### Women

- A suit with a knee-length skirt and a tailored blouse is most appropriate.
- Although even the most conservative organizations allow more feminine looks these days, accessories should be kept simple. Basic pumps and modest jewelry and makeup help to present a professional look.
- Pants are more acceptable now but are not recommended for interviews.

### WHAT TO BRING

A small portfolio/briefcase with interview information (name, address, phone), and several copies of your resume.

For more tips on interviewing, please refer to the [General Tips on Interviewing](#).