

What to Wear to a Job Interview



Business professional, business formal, boardroom attire, traditional:

- Dark or neutral colors for clothes, solid or micro patterns
- Suit jacket color and pattern should match pants or skirt
- Necktie that is solid or small pattern
- Light-colored shirt (white, light blue) with point collar
- Skirt/dress should reach the knee; pantyhose with skirt/dress
- Dark colored socks and shoes should coordinate with the clothes
- Leather or leather-like shoes
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes

Business casual, smart casual, startup casual:

- Twill, khakis, or dress pants; jeans with a blazer may be acceptable in the workplace but not in an interview
- Necktie and pantyhose optional
- More variety with tops and collars: knit shirt with collar; button-down shirt with band collars or button collars; solid or patterned shirt
- Skirt/dress should reach the knee
- Sweater
- Closed-toe and closed-heel shoes





DO THIS


- Clean, wrinkle-free clothes that fit just right
- Fabrics match the season (wool in winter; linen in summer)
- Polished shoes, comfortable for walking if necessary
- Shoes and belt are color coordinated
- Handbag, portfolio, briefcase, etc. in good condition, with contents neat and organized
- Well groomed: clean body, hair, and nails
- Cosmetics, perfume, and cologne kept to a minimum
- Phone off
- Head covering for religious purpose

DO NOT DO THIS

- Ripped, torn, or frayed clothing
- Clothing that shows too much skin (cleavage, midriff, back, thighs)
- Athletic, yoga, or beach wear
- Patterns, colors, and styles that are too flashy or loud
- Too much or flashy jewelry
- Four-inch spiked heels
- Underwear that shows
- Earbuds or headphones
- Hats (except for religious purpose)

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