

Professional Dress



General Guidelines

You should feel comfortable and confident in what you are wearing. Visit your potential employer, on a non-causal day, to see how the employees dress and dress a little better for the interview. The interviewer should remember you for your impeccable qualifications, not your wardrobe.

Hair

Industry-appropriate hairstyle.

Blouse/Shirt

Simple, understated style, pressed to eliminate wrinkles.

Dress/Suit

Be comfortable in what you are wearing, and research what is accepted in the industry to which you are applying.

Jewelry

Understated accessories for an interview allows the focus to be on you as the candidate, not what you are wearing.

Makeup

Understated makeup for an interview allows the focus to be on you as the candidate.

Shoes

Comfortable shoes are preferred, as you may be asked to walk around.

Briefcase/Attaché Case/ Purse

Briefcase/Attaché Case/Purse: Leather, lightweight, coordinating portfolio case. Small, simple purse. Ideally matches attaché case, briefcase, and/or shoes. Carry a portfolio or attaché to hold copies of resume, references, etc.

Belts

Dark colors are preferable, coordinated with suit or dress.

Scarves/Ties

Silk, compliments your outfit.

Miscellaneous

Empty pockets of things like loose change and keys (no dangling noises). Do not chew gum, instead carry breath mints. Visible tattoos or body piercing may or may not be appropriate depending on the industry.

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