

dress for an interview

keep in mind...

where to shop for interview attire

- Macy's (men and women)
- Nordstrom (men and women)
- JC Penny (men and women)
- Bloomingdale's (men and women)
- Men's Wearhouse (men)
- The Limited (women)
- Ann Taylor Loft (women)
- Banana Republic (men and women)
- Steinmart (men and women)
- Marshalls (men and women)
- TJ Maxx (men and women)
- Ross Dress for Less (men and women)

FAQ's about dressing for an interview

I have an interview scheduled, and they told me that I could dress business casual. What should I wear?

Even though an employer tells you that you can wear business casual attire, it is highly recommended that you dress in formal attire. It demonstrates professionalism and maturity.

I can't afford a really expensive suit and I know I have to wear one for interviews, what should I do?

There are many stores available that sell quality suits at discounted prices. Some students will borrow their friend's suit if they have an interview coming up and are not able to go shopping. However, this is not recommended, because your friend's suit may fit you differently. Also, eventually you will be going on numerous interviews; therefore, it is recommended that you invest in one that fits you properly. Women may purchase a suit jacket with a matching skirt and pants to create two suits.

What if the recruiters or company employees dress casually during career fairs or on-campus interviews?

Employers want to see if you are able to represent yourself professionally. Therefore, it is recommended that you wear formal attire to the interview.

Can I wear a shirt and tie without a jacket?

Wearing a shirt and tie without a jacket would be considered business casual and is not appropriate for interviews.

As a woman, should I wear a skirt suit or a pants suit?

Although skirt suits are more traditional for the first interview, it is now becoming more acceptable to wear pants suits.

Proper Interview Attire

WOMEN

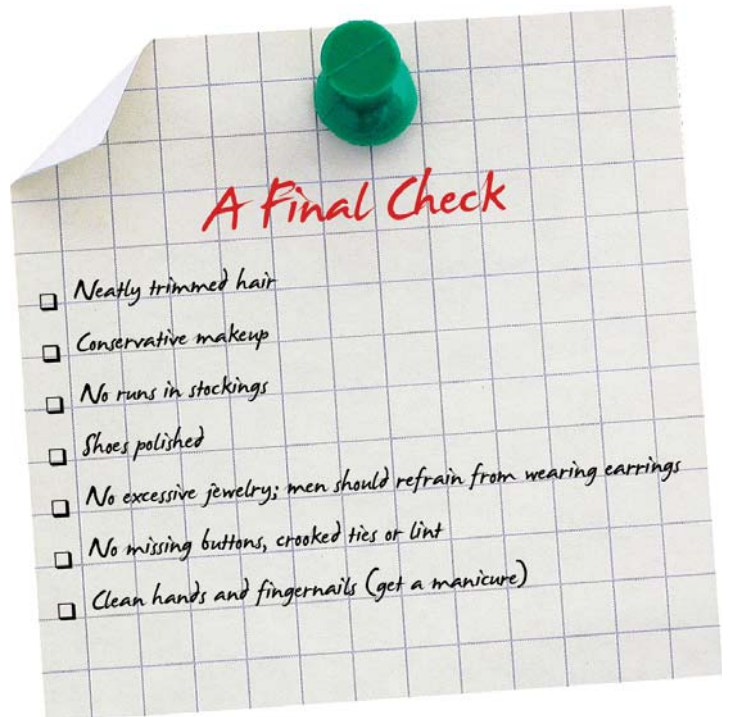


- ① A suit with a knee-length skirt and a tailored blouse
- ② Blouses should be conservative - refrain from low necklines
- ③ Wear minimal accessories. Modest jewelry and makeup is okay.
- ④ Closed-toed shoes and flesh-colored panty hose

MEN



- ① Matching two-piece suit in navy, black, or gray (pinstripe or solid)
- ② Light-colored, long-sleeved dress shirt in solid conservative colors
- ③ Tie should coordinate with jacket and pants, but contrast with shirt
- ④ Wear polished shoes with calf-length colored socks that match your pants



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- ✓ www.dressforsuccess.org
- ✓ www.collegegrad.com/book/15-5.shtml
- ✓ www.quintcareers.com/dress_for_success.html