

Dress for Success: Women and Men



What do you wear to a career fair?
To a job interview?
To your first day on the job?

Look professional—first impressions count. **HERE'S WHAT TO WEAR:**

What to Wear: Women



SUIT: Wear a conservative suit or conservative dress in black, navy, or dark gray. Skirt length should fall just at or barely above the knee. Pants should be hemmed to skim the top of your shoes.



SHIRT: Pair your suit with a white or light colored blouse, a nice sweater, or a shell.



HOSIERY AND SHOES: Hosiery should be plain or neutral. Shoes should be a closed-toe pump or low-heeled shoe that matches your suit.



ACCESSORIES: Wear a minimum amount of jewelry: small earrings, a watch, a ring.



GROOMING: Have a well-groomed hairstyle and wear minimal and natural-looking makeup. Your fingernails should be clean. Wear a light polish or no polish.



WHAT NOT TO WEAR: Short skirts, shorts, see-through or low-cut shirts, sandals, clanking or large jewelry

What to Wear: Men



SUIT: A conservative, two-piece suit in black, navy, or dark gray is appropriate. Khakis, if business casual is called for.



SHIRT: Pair it with a long-sleeved white or light blue tailored shirt



TIE: Choose a conservative tie. Look for something with stripes or a small pattern.



SHOES: Wear polished dress shoes, dark socks, and a belt to match your shoes.



ACCESSORIES: Wear a minimum amount of jewelry: a watch, a ring.



GROOMING: Have a well-groomed hairstyle and clean fingernails.



WHAT NOT TO WEAR: Shorts, jeans, t-shirt, wild tie

Attention to details is crucial, so here are some tips for both men and women.

DO

- Check your outfit for holes, tears, stains, scuffs or wrinkles
- Wear clean and polished conservative dress shoes
- Wear clean and neatly pressed attire
- Have well-groomed hair
- Have clean and trimmed fingernails
- Have well-brushed teeth and fresh breath
- Inspect your hair, nails, hems and the shine on your shoes

DO NOT

- Wear tank tops or concert t-shirts
- Wear miniskirts, tight sweaters, or tops too tight, too sheer, or too low-cut
- Wear knee-high boots, stilettos, sling backs and open-toed shoes
- Wear big jewelry or hair ornaments
- Wear too much cologne or perfume
- Have visible body piercing beyond conservative ear piercings
- Show body tattoos
- Have body odor