

Professional Attire for Interviews



A job interview isn't the time to make an individual fashion statement. Whether you are interviewing with a trendy advertising agency, a school district, or for an internship or seasonal job, it is wise to stick to conservative attire. Make sure that your clothing, grooming and accessories project a professional image.

Women

- A conservative knee length dress or suit is most appropriate. Colors like black and navy are good choices. Pantsuits can be acceptable in some organizations if the style is professional and conservative.
- Nylons should never be darker than your hemline. A neutral flesh tone always works well. Take an extra pair for emergencies.
- Keep accessories to a minimum and stick with natural toned makeup. One pierced earring per ear (no multiples) is fine; remove all other body piercings and cover up any tattoos.
- Avoid strongly scented perfumes and hair spray; they can be overpowering in a small interview room.



Men



- A dark suit is a good choice for business organizations. A conservative jacket or blazer with tailored slacks can also be appropriate.
- A neatly ironed long-sleeved shirt is preferred; when in doubt, white is always a safe color choice.
- Avoid flashy ties in loud colors; a subtle design is most suitable.
- Keep jewelry to a minimum. Remove piercings and cover up any tattoos.
- Black shoes with color coordinated socks are recommended.
- Hair should be neatly groomed. Avoid strongly scented aftershaves; they can be overpowering in a small interview room.

Some websites for additional information:

http://careerplanning.about.com/od/jobinterviews/a/dress_questions.htm
<http://www.career.vt.edu/JOBSEARC/interview/APPEARNC.html>