



Success at first sight.

When going into a face-to-face interview, a good first impression can go a long way. It only takes a split second to make a lasting impression. That means no matter how perfect your résumé may look, you still want to dress appropriately.

Looking professional not only adds to your credibility, but it also creates a feeling of belonging.

Know the culture of the company.

It's important to find middle ground between what is expected of you and still being yourself. After all, your goal is to be seen as someone who will fit in with the organization and into the potential job position. Stay away from unknown factors that may take away from that effort. Make sure you research the company. Don't attempt to make waves or go against the grain when it comes to the company's required dress attire.

Remember, what you wear is a form of non-verbal communication.

What not to wear.

When going in for that interview, be sure your clothes are not frayed, wrinkled, or stained. Stay away from clothes that are too tight, loose, short, bright, or trendy. Even if it's "casual Friday," you should still look qualified to be there – it's easier to overlook someone overdressed than someone underdressed.

Look the Part: Men

Learn to dress for the position you want.

Don't overdo it with jewelry.

Backpacks are no longer acceptable – it's all about briefcases and portfolios now. Some organizations may look down on tattoos that are visible, piercings in places other than the ears, and strange hair colors or styles. Some organizations also discourage facial hair, so be sure to shave if need be.

How to dress for success.

Begin with business basics when interviewing.

- A solid navy, dark gray, or black suit that fits comfortably. Take the time to get it tailored if need be. The better it fits, the better you'll look.
- A bright white dress shirt can go a long way. A business-color blue can also be used.
- Conservative ties with solid or simple stripes or patterns.
- Straight, spread, or button-down collars. For wide collars, tie a full Windsor knot, which should finish with a dimple.
- Leather shoes that complement your suit. Choose a simple black, classic cap-toe and match with black, calf-length socks.
- Match your belts to your shoes – silver buckles are more reserved.

Make it fit, make it count.

A two-button jacket should drop down to where your fist falls. The

Simply put:

Clothes may not make the man, but they help make a good first impression:

- Solid navy, black, or dark gray suit that is tailored to you.
- Clean, ironed shirt.
- Neatly tied tie without stains.
- Polished dark shoes.
- Remember deodorant/antiperspirant.
- Minimal or no cologne.
- Groomed head and facial hair.
- Clean breath, teeth, and finger nails.

jacket shoulders should be the same width as yours. Pants should touch the tops of your shoes and slightly break. Have your shirt fit close to your neck and give enough room to be able to fit one or two fingers. The end of your tie should fall to your waist about where your belt is.

Always remember to dress for the job you're aiming to get – not for the job you already have – and to dress comfortably. Give yourself the ability to focus on the interview or the job itself without either you or the employer being distracted by what you are wearing.

Pay attention to your surroundings. If the environment is conservative, dress conservatively.

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