

## What is Appropriate Dress Attire?

Your professional image is very important in your career search. A polished, confident appearance helps to introduce you as an individual who may be as equally qualified in the education and skills arenas. Your appearance affirms to employers that you are taking your career search seriously and have attempted to insure successful candidacy for openings with their companies.

Below are suggestions for making a positive, lasting first impression as it relates to dress. Keep in mind that we have purposefully erred toward the conservative, which, in most cases, will further promote your candidacy for employment opportunities with job fair employers.

### Females

- Classic business suits (pant suits or skirt suits)
- Sophisticated, updated blouses in complementary colors - no low necklines
- Tailored dresses
- Hemlines should be conservative (knee length); miniskirts are discouraged
- Polished, closed-toe pumps with low to moderate heels
- Conservative hosiery
- Jewelry should be minimal and conservative, non-dangling, jingling or clanking (less is more)
- Hair should be neatly styled or pulled back if shoulder length or longer
- Light makeup and neutral nail polish. If you choose to use a color, be conservative and always match nail polish with lipstick (less is more) Light, crisp perfume\* (less is more)

### Males

- Neutral colored tailored suits
- Sports jacket and well-pressed trousers
- Neatly pressed, long sleeved white dress shirt
- Conservative ties with subtle patterns that complement the suit
- Dark socks
- Polished, dark colored, dress shoes
- Neatly groomed hair, moustache and/or sideburns
- Minimal jewelry (less is more)
- Light, crisp cologne\* (less is more)

\* Many people are sensitive or allergic to scents, so it may be best to avoid using them



### What Not to Wear

- Polo shirts
- Jeans
- Khakis
- Sundresses
- Sweat suits
- Leggings
- Exercise gear
- T-shirts
- Sneakers
- Sandals

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