



Dress for Success

WOMEN

Suits

- ✓ Decide what type of suit you want (color, style, fabric, weight) before you go shopping.
- ✓ Check details such as button holes, hems, and zippers to make sure it's a well-made garment.

Skirts

- ✓ Should not be tight, short, or brightly colored
- ✓ Avoid skirts that cling, ride up, or wrinkle
- ✓ Sit in front of a mirror before wearing

Pants

- ✓ Stick to solid colors
- ✓ Make sure they are the appropriate length
- ✓ Avoid bright colors or pastels

Sweaters

- ✓ Avoid oversized or overly long sweaters
- ✓ Sweaters are an acceptable alternative to a jacket in most workplaces

Footwear

- ✓ Closed heel, closed-toe pumps with 1 ½ to 2" heel
- ✓ Be practical with your shoe choice
- ✓ Break in your shoes before you wear them

Hair

- ✓ No obvious roots
- ✓ Hair pulled back if it falls below shoulders

Nails and Makeup

- ✓ Fingernails clean and short to medium length
- ✓ No chipped polish
- ✓ Subtle makeup
- ✓ Leave off the fragrance!

Jewelry

- ✓ Stud or small hoop earrings
- ✓ One ring on each hand
- ✓ Avoid costume jewelry

Handbag

- ✓ Make sure it's a grown-up purse!
- ✓ Should be proportionate to your size

Pantyhose

- ✓ Neutral or match the color of your suit
- ✓ Never patterned
- ✓ Should always be worn with skirts

For help with your dress or any other career-related issue, come see us in the Career Center!

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