

# What to wear to the interview



Job interviews are an opportunity to give a good first impression to an employer.

Guidelines on what to wear will vary between jobs and industries, but these are some general tips that will help you present your best self!

## General Advice



### LEVEL UP!

Dress one level up from the employer's dress code. If employees typically wear business casual, wear business professional to the interview.



### MAINTAIN CLEAN GROOMING

Keep your hair and nails simple, neat, and well-groomed.



### BRING THE ESSENTIALS

Only bring what you need, such as a printed copy of your resume, a pen, notepad, and your silenced phone. Carry your belongings in a simple purse, briefcase, messenger bag, or crossbody bag.

## Things to Avoid



### CASUAL CLOTHING

- T-shirts or hoodies
- Jeans, shorts, or leggings
- Open-toed shoes or sneakers
- Anything stained, torn, or wrinkled



### UNPROFESSIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Large or distracting jewelry
- Busy patterns or bright colors
- Bulky or casual backpacks (don't use your school backpack!)

## Business Casual

### SHIRT

- Collared button-up or blouse
- Optionally add blazer, cardigan, or sweater



### ACCESSORIES

- Optional necktie
- Simple jewelry
- Belt, if wearing pants with belt loops

### BOTTOMS

- Khakis, dress pants, or skirt
- Professional dresses may be worn

### SHOES

- Closed-toe dress shoes
- Optional low heel

## Business Professional

### SHIRT

- Collared button-up or blouse
- Blazer or suit jacket



### ACCESSORIES

- Necktie, if wearing a collared shirt
- Simple jewelry
- Belt, if wearing pants with belt loops

### BOTTOMS

- Dress pants or pencil skirt
- Professional dresses may be worn

### SHOES

- Closed-toe dress shoes
- Optional low heel