



How to Dress for an Interview or Professional Networking Event



For Women

What to Wear:

- Matching business suit in a darker color (black, grey, navy)
- Skirt suits should fall at the knee or a little below the knee; pantsuits are also acceptable (however, if you are interviewing for the DA or a judge, a skirt suit is preferable)
- Collared dress shirt or a cotton or silk blouse or shell should be worn underneath the suit jacket (neutral colors only)
- Wear nylons—bring a backup pair just in case
- Shoes with a 1" to 3" heel; sandals and platforms are not acceptable
- Accessorize with conservative jewelry and a professional handbag (no flashy colors); bring a portfolio with extra copies of your application materials
- Makeup and perfume should be minimal; nail polish should be in neutral tones
- No high ponytails or large hair clips/bands

Where to Buy:

- Ross/TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Loehmann's
- Macy's
- Ann Taylor
- Banana Republic
- Nordstrom/Nordstrom Rack

For Men

What to Wear:

- Matching business suit in a darker color (black, grey, navy)
- Suit jackets should have two or three buttons
- Crisp, collared dress shirt, preferably in white
- Solid or conservatively patterned neckties
- Black belt and polished, black dress shoes
- Hair should be neatly cut
- Face should be cleanly shaven or facial hair should be neatly trimmed
- Bring portfolio with extra copies of your application materials



Where to Buy:

- Ross/TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Loehmann's
- Men's Wearhouse
- Macy's
- Nordstrom/Nordstrom Rack

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