What do I Wear!? 

Career Education hears this question often, and wants to make sure that you know how to be interview ready. The most important thing is to know your audience. The organizational culture that you are applying to become a part of will determine the specifics of your attire, but here are some general guidelines to assist you in preparing for formal interviews. Practice that handshake, and get ready for the next step!

THE FIRST IMPRESSION

- Dress to impress
- Do your research and know what the interviewer is expecting
- Ask yourself, "What do I want them to think about me?"

WEARING A SUIT?

Wear it well!

- Make sure your suit is neat, wrinkle free, and matches
- A tight, professional tie is the perfect complement to any suit
- Keep your shirt tucked in and your pockets empty
- Try not to borrow a suit unless it fits you well
- Neutral colors are preferred (blue, black, gray)

SKIRT PERSON?

No problem!

- It should come to your knees while standing
- Avoid loud colors or patterns
- Match hosiery to skin color
- Coordinate your top and consider a matching jacket
- Dresses are appropriate, within the same guidelines
WHAT ABOUT MY HAIR?

Hairy well then...

- Know what is appropriate in the work place
- Keep your hair looking neat and professional
- Long hair should be kept out of your face
- Avoid loud hair accessories
- Avoid touching your hair during an interview

- If your socks are visible, ensure that they match, and they are calf-high. NO. WHITE. SOCKS. No visible ankles
- Be able to walk in your shoes. Heels no more than 3 inches
- Closed toe, neutral colored shoes are best
- Dress shoes always accompany a suit

SHOE CHOICE

Music to my Sole

ACCESSORIZE CAREFULLY

Take only what you need

- Select a slim briefcase or portfolio
- Double-check that your phone is on silent (vibrate can be distracting, stick with silent)
- Hats are not interview appropriate
- Use natural make-up, have a clean shave, and enter the room with a smile
- Wear minimal simple jewelry

The Final Touches

- Avoid strong scents in hygiene products
- No gum, candy, or cigarettes
- Be conscious of how much skin you are showing
  - Practice your look beforehand to ensure everything fits well
  - Mock interviews are an excellent way to prepare

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