



Business Casual vs. Professional

Decoding the dress code for interviews and professional events.

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TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN ANY BUSINESS SITUATION

- When in doubt, dress conservatively.
- A suit will suffice in most situations.
- Make sure your outfit is wrinkle-free.
- Stick with solid colors and tighter-woven fabrics or simple patterns.
- Accessories should be kept simple: basic pumps, modest jewelry, light makeup, and only light perfume or aftershave.
- Wear a belt and a watch. The belt should match the shoes.
- Be sure your hair (including beard) is neatly trimmed or groomed. Avoid the “messy look.”
- Shirts with lettering or graphics should not be worn.
- Check your outfit for missing buttons, thread “x”s on skirts and jackets, lint, or a crooked tie.
- A skirt should be no shorter than the tips of your middle fingers (or just above the knee for good measure).

Ask the CMC how you can receive assistance purchasing professional attire.