

Touro College Interview Dress Code

As the saying goes, “You never get a second chance to make a first impression.” A successful interview begins with a successful look. That “look” is formal business attire and appropriate grooming. Wearing the right clothes can make a difference in how you are viewed as a prospective employee. “Your interview attire indicates your socio-economic status, and it can actually impact your salary offer” (“The Perfect Interview Outfit” Forbes.com on July 30, 2009). Therefore, dress as if you mean business.

A polished, professional look matters. In general clothes that are very trendy detract from a serious, professional appearance. Here is a list of guidelines to assist you in dressing for success:

FOR MEN:

- Suit – A dark (blue, gray or black) conservative two or three button suit.
- Shirt – White long-sleeve dress shirt with a white undershirt.
- Tie – Choose a tie that coordinates with your suit. Busy patterns should be avoided.
- Shoes – Black, well-polished shoes are standard business attire. Wear dark socks. Avoid athletic socks.
- Jewelry should be minimized and appropriate for a business setting; no overly ostentatious watches, necklaces; and no earrings
- Accessories – a notebook, portfolio or briefcase should be carried, containing extra copies of your resume and a good pen.
- Grooming – You should look clean and neat. It goes without saying that proper hygiene is absolutely necessary. Avoid cologne or after-shave with a strong aroma.

FOR WOMEN:

- Suit – A dark conservative suit and below the knee length skirt. A blazer with blouse and skirt is a possible second choice to a suit. A jacket should always be worn. ***Sweaters are viewed as too casual and should not be worn.***
- Blouse – A white or light color blouse that is not low cut, sheer or sleeveless.
- Shoes – Black or dark brown, well-polished, closed-toe shoes with a 1-1 ½” heel are standard (no spike heels), though lower-heeled styles may be worn depending on the wearer’s preference.
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- Grooming – You should look clean and neat. It goes without saying that proper hygiene is absolutely necessary. Avoid perfume and makeup should be subtle.