

## Touro College Interview Dress Code

You never get a second chance at making a first impression. A successful interview begins with a successful look. That “look” is formal business attire and appropriate grooming. Having 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, by Lea Bourne). Therefore, dress as if you mean business.

A polished, professional look matters so candidates should avoid looking frumpy. Make sure your attire fits well and is pressed. Lea Bourne also notes that for women “[t]here are some fashion no-no's that should always be followed. ... wear closed toe shoes and avoid sleeveless tops and dresses. Job hunters also shouldn't look too trendy or wear in-your-face designer labels” and/or flashy jewelry.

Here is a list of the items you will need:

### FOR MEN:

- A Suit – A dark conservative two or three button suit.
- A Shirt – White cotton long sleeve dress shirt. A white undershirt is best practice.
- A Tie – Choose a tie that coordinates with your suit. Busy or clumsy patterns should be avoided.
- Shoes – Black or dark brown, well polished laced shoes are standard business attire. Wear dark socks. Athletic socks are not to be worn with dress shoes.
- Accessories – a notebook, portfolio or briefcase should be carried as extra copies of your resume and a writing sample, if necessary, should always be on hand.
- Grooming – You should look clean and neat. It goes without saying that proper hygiene is required, but especially so on an interview day.

### FOR WOMEN:

- The Suit – A dark conservative suit with a two piece on or two button jacket and knee length skirt or dress slacks. During the spring and summer months a jacket can be optional.
- The Blouse – A white or light color blouse that is not low cut or sheer.
- Shoes – Black or dark brown, well polished shoes with a 1-1 ½” heel are standard (no spiked heels), though shorter styles may be worn depending on the wearer’s preference.
- Accessories – a notebook, portfolio or briefcase should be carried as extra copies of your resume and a writing sample, if necessary, should always be on hand.
- Grooming – You should look clean and neat. It goes without saying that proper hygiene is required, but especially so on an interview day. Makeup and perfume should not be overdone.