

Professional Attire Guidelines



DEFINITELY OKAY

- Men
- Suits with a tie
- Neatly trimmed beard
- Polished Shoes

- Women
- Long sleeves/ short sleeves
- Some shimmer
- Cropped pants in dressy fabrics
- Lace camisole under a button-down
- Knee-length skirts
- Earrings
- Panty hose/ Dark socks
- Pumps/closed-toe high heels



PROBABLY OKAY

- Men
- Sport coats
- Sweaters
- Growing in a beard

- Women
- Sleeveless tops (women only)
- Sequined or beaded accents
- Lace camisole peeking from blouse
- Above-the-knee skirts
- Multiple small earrings
- No hose with pumps
- Peep-toe shoes
- Flats



NOT OKAY

- Men
- Denim
- Shorts
- Untucked dress shirts
- Three-day old stubble
- Shoes without socks

- Women
- Spaghetti straps/ strapless tops
- Sequined dresses
- Short-shorts
- Underwear as outerwear
- Micro-minis
- Denim jackets
- Sandals, sneakers, stilettos

*If you have to **ask yourself if your outfit is appropriate...***

*If you find that you have to **sit a certain way to cover up your legs in a skirt...***

*If you think you might be **showing too much skin...***

*If you'd be **embarrassed to run into your parents on the street...***

*If you **can't walk more than 10 blocks** in your shoes...*

*If your **pants are so tight** that eating lunch might not be a good idea...*

*If you **aren't quite sure that the colors you have chosen go together...***

*If your decision about whether or not to wear something was based on **how it smelled when you picked it up from the closet floor...***

*If your clothes are **wrinkled...***

*If your clothes are **see-through...***

*If your clothes **demand more attention than your resume...***

CHANGE YOUR OUTFIT!!!

“Business” or “Business Formal” Attire

- Interviews
- Formal Networking Events (e.g., Meet the Firms)



“Business Casual” Attire

- Casual Networking Events
- On the job (if not a formal setting)

