

Guide to Dressing for your Career

Professional Business Attire



It's not common for businesses to require a business formal outfit these days, but it *does* happen. Typically, business formal outfits are worn in industries like finance, or during meetings and presentations. If your company requires this type of dress code, here's what you need to know:

Women

- Dark matching dress suit – either a skirt or pants are fine
- Closed-toe heels or flats
- Button-down shirt or a blouse underneath the suit jacket

Men

- Dark matching suit
- Dress shirt
- A plain tie
- Dark leather dress shoes

Business Casual



Business casual is the most common dress code for businesses. While the name suggests it's casual, you'll still want to have a clean look and steer clear of jeans and sneakers. With business casual, you have more freedom to mix and match patterns and colors than you do with business formal.

Women

- Dress pants, dark pants, skirts, or dresses
- Blouses or button-down shirts
- Blazers or cardigans
- Flats or heels

Men

- Dress pants or khakis
- Button-down shirt
- Loafers or dress shoes

Casual



Many companies, especially start-ups, are becoming more laid back with their dress codes. If your internship allows you to dress casual, we suggest paying careful attention to what others in the company are wearing. However as a basic rule, you'll still want to look well-kept and modest (no lounge wear!).

Women

- Blouse or sweater
- Jeans (preferably dark-washed) or dark pants
- Flats or clean sneakers

Men

- Polo, button-down shirt, or sweater
- Khakis or jeans (dark-washed)
- Clean sneakers or loafers