

**DENISON**  
**UNIVERSITY**  
**CAREER SERVICES**

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**DRESS TO IMPRESS**  
*Present and project a professional appearance!*

**BUSINESS ATTIRE**

**For Women:**

- A suit, pant or skirt, in conservative colors (black, gray, navy, brown, beige, or burgundy)
- (Skirt length appropriate for sitting no more than 2" above the knee)
- Tailored blouse
- Closed-toe, low-heeled pump; hose (no white)
- Conservative jewelry

**For Men:**

- Conservative, well-fitting two-piece business suit; not a sport coat
  - Long-sleeved shirt. White or blue are always safe
  - Conservative tie
  - Leather oxford or loafer style shoe (shined); matching, dark dress socks
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**BUSINESS CASUAL**

**For Women:**

- A twin sweater set in neutral colors, cotton button-down shirts in solids and stripes, mix-and-match knit separates, wool turtlenecks, tailored blouse
- Skirt or slacks in a neutral color
- A tailored dress with sleeves or jacket
- Casual, low-heeled shoes or flats

**For Men:**

- Dress slacks, cotton khakis (pressed)
  - High-quality crew-neck or turtleneck sweaters
  - Long-sleeved sport shirts (tie is not necessary)
  - A blazer or sport coat, usually navy or black (optional)
  - Dress leather belt
  - Patterned or colored socks in a heavier knit than dress socks
  - Loafers or other shined shoes that bridge the gap between casual and dress
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## **FASHION FAUX PAS FOR INTERVIEWS**

- Distracting clothing including busy patterns, bright colors, big stripes, or tank tops.
- Earrings or ponytails on men. Nose rings and tongue rings.
- Sport coat and khakis instead of a two-piece suit.
- Tennis shoes, sandals, or any open-toe shoes.
- Size extremes-ultra baggy pants and/or too small and cropped shirts. Too short skirts.
- Strong perfume, cologne or after shaves.
- Clunky, heavy, thick-soled shoes for women.