

Professional Dress Tips for Men

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Business Casual

SUIT

- Suit jacket should fit so that it can be easily buttoned without any tug marks across the fabric
- Arms long enough so about a ¼ inch of your dress shirt can be seen past the cuffs when arms are relaxed
- Choose a two or three button suit
- Stay away from double-breasted suits.
- Preferred colors are charcoal grey and navy; Brown is not acceptable
- All Finance related events require interview / business dress
- *Brands: Brooks Brothers, Nordstrom*
- Well-fitted two or three button suit
- Use judgment on the color (i.e. lighter tones) and use of jacket
- Marketing and tech events can be more casual, primarily with accent pieces or a brighter button-down shirt
- Do not wear business casual unless specified
- Jeans usually aren't "business casual"!

SHIRT

- White shirts are the safest and most conservative
- Depending on the industry, French-blue shirts are also fine as long as they are solid without stripes or patterns
- For financial positions, stay conservative
- Okay to not wear a jacket in business casual settings
- Use good judgment when considering colors - don't wear anything too bright and noisy

SLACKS

- **Cream colored slacks:** More acceptable than khakis; make sure they are well pressed
- **Dark business casual slacks:** Worn for more "formal" casual occasions (pardon the oxymoron); *Example: drinks with recruiters*
- **Tip:** If you are wearing light colored clothing, it's a safe bet to stick to white wine rather than red wine at various events

SHOES

- Polished, dark lace-ups shoes are preferred
- Remember these are interview shoes, not shoes you wear to the club
- Generally avoid loafers or boots
- **Tip:** Buy an extra pair that you can leave polished in the box. This way if you don't have time to get your normal pair polished you are still ready!

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Tie:** Choose a simple pattern or solid color silk tie that does not clash with the color of your suit. Typically "safe" colors include yellow, dark blue, light blue, and red. In general, choose bold colors in conservative but stylish patterns. Should fall right above the belt buckle when completed. Windsor knot preferred.
- **Belt:** Bring two leather belts - black and dark brown. The key is quality over quantity. Belts should be shiny, not dull.
- **Socks:** Dark socks that match your outfit. No white socks! Your shoes, socks and belt should all match (e.g., black shoes, black socks, black belt).
- **Accessories:** Do not wear cufflinks. Limit rings to a wedding band and/or class ring. Stay away from earrings!

Keep your dress simple and professional
Let your talents, not your clothes, impress recruiters!

* Smart casual is generally a combination of casual and business casual, which you combine into a "smart" ensemble. Look sharp, stylish, and put together.

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