Professional Dress

Your appearance communicates much about your attitude, culture, and organization skills. Especially during first impressions, making appropriate wardrobe choices can heavily impact the amount of success you experience with potential employers. The following tips can help you make the right choices for you:

INTERVIEW ATTIRE

Suits
- Suit jacket and pants/skirts should be matching colors; darker colors such as dark gray, black, brown or navy are most acceptable
- Light color shirts/blouses can be worn underneath (avoid distracting patterns/designs)
- All pieces should be tailored to fit your individual body frame appropriately

Pants/Skirts
- Wear full length pants (no capris) that rest at the top of the shoe when standing
- Skirts should be just above or at the knee

Ties/Bowties
- The right tie will compliment your shirt/suit combination in color and length
- Keep colors and designs conservative
- For the proper length, the tip of the tie should meet the top of your belt buckle

Shoes and Belt
- Preferably, shoes should be black or brown with matching belt
- Closed-toe heels or lace up/slide in dress shoes
- Dress socks should match each other/the suit, extend high enough to avoid showing skin when seated, and should be blue, brown, or black depending on color of pants

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Hair/Nails/Makeup
- Well-groomed hairstyles and natural tones/shades for nails and makeup

Jewelry and Fragrance
- Small hoops or studs (no bangles)
- Nice wristwatch, pearls, or simple gold/silver necklace
- Facial/body piercings should align with company culture and standards
- Wear mild fragrances

PROFESSIONAL ACCESSORIES

Portfolio, Professional Tote, or Small Purse
- Portfolios and professional totes/bags are great for storing writing utensils, questions for the employers, and extra copies of your résumé
- Dark colors preferred