DRESS FOR SUCCESS

When selecting…

Suits
- Choose black, gray, navy, taupe, or muted plaid and subtle accent stripes
- Knee or calf-length skirts only
- Invest in one or two quality suits instead of a few cheap ones

Shirts
- Choose brighter colors and minimal patterns to accentuate suit
  - White is the most professional look
- Cotton and silk fabrics are best
- Always wash/iron or professionally launder

Ties
- Choose solids or minimal patterns
- Tip of tie should barely touch belt buckle

Belts
- Choose black or brown, whichever best matches the suit
- Match with shoes

Shoes
- Wear what is comfortable and break them in before the interview!
- Simple black, brown, navy, or taupe shoes to match suit are best
- Should be closed heel/toe and 3 inches or shorter
- Wear matching, dark, mid-calf or higher socks with pants and always wear nylons or tights with skirts

Jewelry
- Wear in moderation (it shouldn’t distract from you!)
- Invest in a quality, leather or metal band watch to match outfit
- Simple necklace, stud earrings, ring, and leather or metal band watch is appropriate

Accessories
- Invest in a quality pen, briefcase, portfolio, and wallet

Grooming
- Fresh shaven/trimmed face
- Fresh haircut
  - Put hair in comfortable position off the face so you’re not adjusting during the interview
  - Natural hair colors are best
- Clipped and well-manicured fingernails (clear or nude polish if polished)
- Don’t wear strong perfume/cologne/lotion
- If worn, makeup should be natural to enhance features

Overall
- Neatness always counts; it shows professionalism and attention to detail!
- Go for professionalism, not glamour
- When you’re not sure how to dress, be conservative and dress in business professional