What Should I Wear?

What is “Professional Dress”?
The definitions of “business casual” and “professional” vary by industry and organization as well as position. Be sure to check for the dress code where you will work. In general, professional dress starts with a neutral color suit in a solid or very subtle stripe pattern.

For Women:
- Pants or skirt (knee-length or longer with hose)
- Blouse or shell
- Simple jewelry and make-up
- Dark or neutral professional heels or flats
- Professional bag or small purse

For Men:
- Long-sleeved collared shirt
- Conservative tie
- Polished leather shoes with socks matching pant color
- Neutral color belt
- Professional portfolio

How Casual is Too Casual?
Your daily attire for classes, working out, or just running errands is too casual for a professional environment, even if it is a “business casual” one. While business casual allows for greater flexibility and creativity, you should always strive for neat, clean, and well put together.

Stock Up On:
- Leather shoes and belts
- Dark jeans, trousers, and knee length skirts (women)
- Sweater vests (men) and sweater sets (women)
- Sports coats (men) and fitted jackets (women)
- Button down shirts and blouses

Message Regarding Attire at UCS Events:
University Career Services works with all students regardless of academic major or career interests. While we do coach students to “dress to impress” at our events, we do not bar entrance to any of our recruiting events based on the attire.