

AWARENESS TIPS: Recommended Business Dress

These are some common suggestions for what to wear for professional attire and business casual although some organizations/groups may outline particular policies related to both.

Professional dress should be worn at chapter meetings, Pledging Ceremony, Initiation, and professional events. A chapter can vote to wear business casual to specific events including some chapter meetings and professional events.

General Tips

- ▲ Clothes should fit well and be clean, neat and pressed.
- ▲ Dark colors such as black, navy blue, dark brown, and dark gray are best.
- ▲ Shirts should have modest necklines and skirts/dresses should be of appropriate length.
- ▲ Try to avoid bright colors, stripes, and other busy patterns.
- ▲ Jewelry, accessories and makeup should be minimal, conservative and have a quality appearance. Be mindful of visible body piercings that may be distracting and consider covering or removing them.
- ▲ Do not wear sandals, athletic shoes, industrial work shoes, hiking boots, bare feet, over-the-knee-boots, or open toe shoes. Heels should be of modest height.
- ▲ Belts that coordinate with the pants are recommended.

Professional Attire

- ▲ If you do not have a suit, you should wear dress pants with a button-down shirt or a dressy blouse. If wearing pants, a coordinating jacket should also be worn. Jackets are not required with dresses.
- ▲ Shoes and socks should be a dark color, coordinating with the color of the suit.

Business Casual

- ▲ Suits can be dressed down to business casual by replacing a jacket with a sweater. Sport coats and ties may be worn, but are not needed.
- ▲ Appropriate shirts include button-down shirts, polo shirts, and dressy shirts.
- ▲ Dress pants, khakis, and skirts are all acceptable. Dresses are appropriate as long as they do not have spaghetti straps and are not strapless.
- ▲ Avoid T-shirts, leggings, sweatshirts, shorts, or other recreational clothing. Jeans may be acceptable as long as they are dark in color and free of tears or holes.