



# NAVIGATING INTERVIEW DRESS CODE

First impressions matter, and what you wear can say a lot about your interest and preparedness for the role you are applying to. Be sure to research the company or industry you are applying to so you can dress appropriately. Don't be afraid to have fun with your outfits and add a personal touch but be sure it still is appropriate for the office.

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## BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

Business Professional is appropriate for Law, Business, or Banking. Often in these roles, you may need to wear a suit or a formal jacket. Appropriate for some work environments and networking events.



## BUSINESS CASUAL



This is the most common office attire and works for most interviews. Having some business casual pieces is a great foundation for career fairs and internships.

## SMART CASUAL

Smart casual or “dressy” is the right fit for a formal presentation, education professionals, or even your faculty.



## CASUAL



Casual is what you wear to class or out to dinner with friends. Most offices will not allow jeans, leggings, or casual wear unless directly mentioned. Consider going more formal for employer events and interviews

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If you need access to business clothes for an interview or event, please reach out to the Promise House - [promisehouse@otterbein.edu](mailto:promisehouse@otterbein.edu)

Or visit one of the local thrift stores near campus! The Otterbein Thrift store is located just behind Battelle, Clothes Mentor & Goodwill are both just off State Street, and Ohio Thrift is a short drive down Cleveland Ave.

