

What is business casual attire?

Business casual attire may include:

MEN

- Sport coat or casual blazer (optional)
- Collared shirt or casual button-down
- Tie (optional)
- Casual slacks like khakis or chinos
- Belt
- Dress shoes, loafers, or nice boots with socks (high-end athletic shoes are becoming acceptable in some areas as well)

WOMEN

- Collared or non collared blouse
- Slacks (at least three-quarters length)
- Dress or skirt (at or below the knee)
- High heels, dress boots, or flats (open-toed shoes are becoming acceptable in the summer months)
- Modest jewelry
- Accessories, such as printed scarves

Depending on the time of year, you can mix and match some of the articles of clothing listed above to create a business casual look that will blend comfort with style quite well. Webster offered the following examples.

“In the colder months, a classic business casual look is to wear a dress shirt under a plain sweater or cardigan,” Webster said. “Tastefully patterned blouses and tops are ideal for achieving a business casual look, as are silk scarves and throws.”