

What if you are *certain* that a suit would be inappropriate for a particular interview?

- Advice for both men and women if the interview will involve a visit to a field work site or the job is one which is regularly performed in an active outdoor setting. You can ask for advice from professors who have worked in that career field; chances are they will know what is appropriate interview attire in that instance. You might also seek advice from professional organizations or people who mentor students. Even if the job is in a casual environment, it is often still appropriate to wear a suit in order to convey your professionalism and respect for the interviewer(s) and you should always be better dressed than you would be for a typical day working in that job. If you are still certain that you shouldn't wear a suit, a good choice is to wear khaki pants, with a crease, which are ironed and in perfect condition along with a dress shirt, and dark blazer. If part of the job interview actually takes place in the field, you might bring a change of jacket and shoes to match the conditions. This may be the only circumstance in which a backpack is appropriate – you can have your field gear stored in it, but do not bring it into the interview room.
- Important advice for **Thompson School students** in majors such as Applied Animal Science, Veterinary Technology, Horticultural, Civil, or Forest Technology : If you interviewing for a field position or will be going into the field/jobsite, consider the appropriate footwear for the field, shop, or woods. Hiking boots or tidy work boots may be appropriate with dress slacks and dress shirt and send the message that you are experienced in field work. Avoid sneakers, sandals, and heels for field work. Fresh button-up shirts with a dress jacket work well.
- *Never wear shorts, jeans, flipflops, sneakers, or T-shirts. Do not bring your backpack. Convey a professional image.*