

DRESS CODE

BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL

Opening and closing sessions, event competition, scholarship interviews, state/national officer interviews, workshops, or banquets

Suits
Dress Slacks / Trousers,
Professional Dress (knee-length recommended)
Skirt (knee-length recommended)
Button Down Shirts (tucked in) or Blouse
Tie (strongly recommended), Vest or Scarf
Belts (if pants have belt loops)
Dress Socks or Nylons (recommended)
Dress Shoes and Conservative Accessories



PROHIBITED ATTIRE

Leggings
Denim of any kind
Caps, hats, or bandanas
Strappy tops or camisole (unless under a blazer or sweater)
Stiletto heels
Athletic shoes
Boat shoes
Sheer or Stretch-Knit Fabrics
Low-Cut Tops
High-Cut Skirts or Dresses

BUSINESS CASUAL

Travel to and from conferences and non-conference activities such as shopping, sightseeing, or going out for meals

Slacks, Khakis or Cords
Dress Shorts or Skirts (no more than 3" above the knee)
Polo Shirts or Button Downs
Sweaters or Blouses
DECA T-Shirts and Sweatshirts



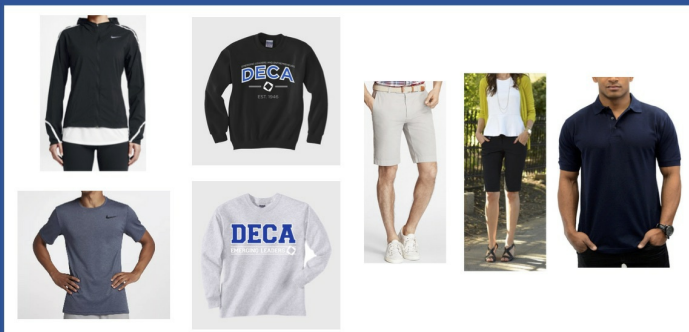
PROHIBITED ATTIRE

Leggings
Denim of any kind
Caps, hats, or bandanas
Pajamas
Sweatpants, athletic wear or yoga pants
Strappy tank tops or camisole (unless under a blazer or cardigan)
Athletic shoes
Sheer fabrics

RECREATIONAL ATTIRE

For recreational activities such as swimming, utilizing the gym, running, participating in the DECA Dash, or going to theme parks

Slacks, Khakis or Cords
Dress Shorts or Skirts
(no more than 3" above the knee)
Polo Shirts or Button Downs
Sweaters or Blouses
DECA T-Shirts and Sweatshirts
Clothing and Shoes Appropriate for the Activity)



PROHIBITED ATTIRE

Leggings
Denim of any kind
Caps, hats, or bandanas
Sheer Fabrics or Revealing Cuts
Strappy tank tops or camisole (unless under a blazer or cardigan)

FAQ

Where and when can I wear recreational attire?

Recreational attire should only be worn to and from the activity or event. For example, you can wear your gym clothes in the hotel hallway and elevator on your way to the gym, but do not wear your gym clothes in the hotel lobby or other public hotel spaces. Use an appropriate cover-up when going to a hotel pool; towels, robes, and revealing cover-ups are not appropriate.

What kind of shorts are appropriate for business casual and recreational attire?

Shorts should be appropriate to the activity and should be modest in length. For example, 7-inch inseam is acceptable in women's clothing and a 9-inch inseam is appropriate for men's clothing.

Are open-toed shoes okay?

Open-toed shoes are generally not considered professional. Exercise good judgment when wearing open-toed shoes or ask an advisor or chaperone for extra guidance

Can I wear patterned tights or nylons?

Loud patterns and graphics for any type of garment is generally not considered professional. Err on the side of caution and leave the patterned tights and nylons at home.

Can I wear jeans or athletic wear when traveling to and from a conference?

Jeans are not to be worn at any time during the conference, including travel to and from the conference and athletic wear should only be worn for recreational activities during the conference. Business Casual Attire is appropriate for travel to and from conferences and DECA events.

I don't have any professional attire. What should I do?

Borrow clothing from a friend or family member if you can. You can find great deals at thrift shops such as Goodwill and at discount stores such as Ross and TJ Maxx. JC Penney and Express are also great places to find appropriate professional clothing. Ask your advisor if you require assistance. An investment in a professional wardrobe will last a long time and can be worn at future job interviews.