

Dress Classifications

The Blackburn Institute utilizes a standard dress classification system to help its community identify appropriate attire for a variety of events. Attire will be noted in all invitations for Blackburn Institute events. This system provides flexibility for personal style, while ensuring a consistent appearance and level of professionalism.

Black Tie Optional

- Formal (floor length) evening gown
- Dressy cocktail dress
- Heels, low or high
- Pearls (optional)
- Black or white tuxedo jacket, matching black trousers, bow tie and vest/cummerbund (optional)
- Black suit with black tie and matching vest (optional)

Adapted and simplified from The Emily Post Institute:

<http://emilypost.com/advice/attire-guide-dress-codes-from-casual-to-white-tie/>

Crimson Closet lends professional clothing for free: <https://career.sa.ua.edu/resources/crimson-career-closet/>

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