



**Overall:**

Your suit should fit you without you feeling it, you should always be at ease. You should feel no pressure from the suit anywhere on your body.



**The Jacket:**

When buttoned up, your jacket lapels should sit flat on your chest, and there should be a little bit of give, as you should be able to fit your hand inside.

Sit down, lift your arm and pretend you are driving. Make sure your jacket feels comfortable around the armhole and back rise through all these movements. The back of your jacket should sit level with your chair. If you feel pressure, or the back length is incorrect, try a larger chest size.



**The Back of the Jacket:**

The jacket needs to be the right length, too short or too long and the effect of the suit is lost. It should sit just below the bottom edge of your backside, or if you prefer a shorter style jacket, it should be no shorter than the top of your backside.



**The Back of the Jacket:**

The jacket stops exactly at the end of your shoulders. If it hangs over them, you need to go down a chest size.

The back collar of the jacket should sit 1/2 an inch below the top of the shirt collar.



**The Sleeves:**

Make sure the shirt sits at the top knuckle of your thumb and that you show up to 1/2 an inch of shirt cuff at the end of your jacket sleeve.



**The Trousers:**

Your trousers should hang straight down the back of your leg, sitting on your shoe with a small break.

### Jacket Length

The front of the jacket should hit around the crotch level (the bottom of the trouser rise). Of course, this can change depending on the height, shape and proportions of the client. When we talk about custom tailoring, it's important to understand that there is no one answer for every body type. The goal is to review the client's physicality and cut the most flattering garment for him personally.

### Jacket Back Length

Like a good lawyer, a jacket should always cover your ass. The hem of the jacket should also be balanced from front to back, and sit perpendicular to the ground. For some clients this means shortening the back and lengthening the front ("erect posture adjustment") and for other clients this means lengthening the back and shortening the front ("stooping posture adjustment")... It gets a lot more complicated than that, but this is meant to be high-level.

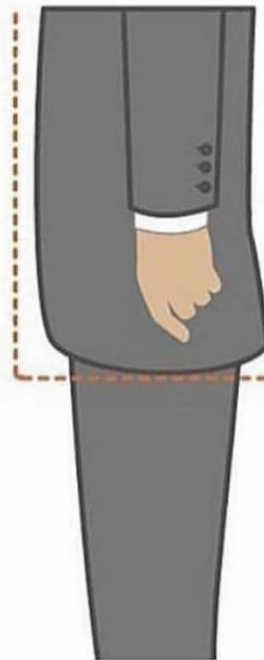
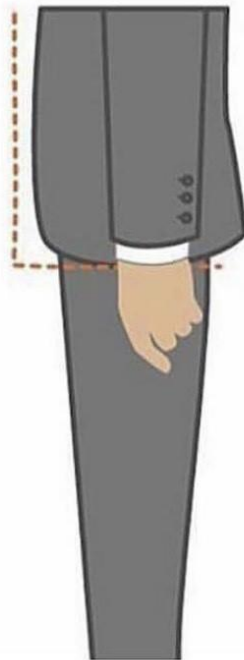
### Trouser Break

Generally, the taller the client, the more break we suggest (just like the wider the client, the wider the leg opening we suggest). Of course, we know this one is largely a personal preference (and often cause for great debate).

# RIGHT VS WRONG

## HOW A SUIT SHOULD FIT

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### The Length

The most important element of a proper fitting waistcoat is the length. It should fully cover the entire waistband of the trouser and never let any shirt fabric show in between. This means the trousers also need to be sitting on the natural waist. Gentlemen often leave the last button of a waistcoat unfastened to allow more room at the hips for movement and sitting.



### The Sleeves

Unlike a suit jacket, an overcoat is made for full coverage. The sleeves should cover the wrist and graze the hands. You shouldn't be able to see any cloth. The sleeves should also be as trim as possible without feeling restrictive over a jacket. A trim sleeve is an important element of a flattering fit.



### The Shoulders

The shoulders are the trickiest part of fitting an overcoat, since most guys will wear it with and without a jacket and/or heavy sweater underneath. Look for a coat that is a touch snug with a heavyweight suit under it, like this double-breasted flannel. The shoulders should be gently hugging the body, with no hang-time over the line of the arm. This way, if you throw your overcoat over just a thin layer, it won't look boxy or ill-fit.



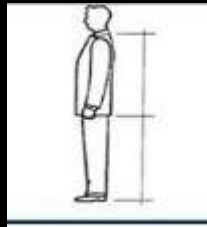
### The Length

The length is crucial. Generally speaking, I recommend an overcoat hitting a couple inches above the knee, like we see here on Will. This offers the most versatility, since it can feel more casual when worn with jeans or odd trousers. For shorter guys, however, I would consider letting it drop below the knee a couple inches. It's not a pea-coat. It's important that the coat has enough length to balance out the girth in the shoulders, especially since it's often worn over another tailored jacket. Balancing the body's natural proportions is the key to good tailoring.

# Proper Suit Jacket Length - How Long Should a Suit Jacket Be?

-How long should my suit jacket be? I heard of the "cupped fingers" method (you should be able to "cup" your fingers over the end of the jacket when your arms are hanging from your sides, but I also heard this can be inaccurate. What's the correct method?

For the most part, if you use the "cupped fingers" method to determine appropriate jacket length you'll be okay. However, this method may not only be vague to some, it also obviously depends on arm length of an individual; since arm length can vary even amongst gentleman of the same height, this can sometimes lead to jackets that are slightly longer or shorter. Technically, the jacket length should be approximately half the height of the distance between the point that is the base of your neck down to the ground. Here is what we mean:



Since the majority of us do have arm lengths that are proportional to our height, if you measure from the point at which your shoulder meets your neck down to the point between your Basilar joint and your first thumb knuckle (proceeding image), your jacket will come back at the appropriate length.



## Two-Piece Work Suit

The suit jacket should fit nicely around the shoulders and waist line and not hang.



The suit pants should fall at the top of the shoes.

Oversized suit jackets will lead to divots in the upper arm area.



Neckties should stop at the waistline and never go beyond the belt buckle.

## Three-Piece Suit

## Jeans and Sport Coat

The sport's coat should lightly hug your midsection, but not feel tight!



Rolling jeans prevents them from going over the shoes.

Sleeves should never hang over the thumb.



Never pair blazers with baggy, oversized denim.

## Two-Piece Work Suit



RIGHT

WRONG

Blazer and Chinos



Jeans and Sport Coat

Three-Piece Suit

