

Quick Comparison: Resume vs. Curriculum Vitae (CV)

	Resume	Curriculum Vitae (CV)
Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain a non-academic job, whether it be part or full-time Sometimes paired with a cover letter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To obtain an academic position or grant Usually needed to apply to graduate school
Audience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-academic potential employers Networking contacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellow academics Potential graduate programs
Header	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name should be bold and emphasized Brief listing of contact information (usually a phone number, address, and professional email) Do not include hyperlinks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name should be bold and emphasized Listing of contact information Do not include hyperlinks Include "Curriculum Vitae" along with contact information under name
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most relevant skills and experience Tailored to fit with the specific job/firm/industry applying for/to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete history that includes your academic achievements such as research, teaching, awards, organizations, etc.
Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal text 2-5 Achievement-oriented bullets under each experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text-rich Narrative/paragraph style descriptions
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically 1 page (<i>preferred</i>) Only 2 pages in circumstances where there is a large sum of relevant experience <u>Never</u> more than 2 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible; as long as needed to list information Typically 1-3 pages for master-level graduates Typically 3-4 pages for doctoral-level graduates
Unnecessary Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anything that isn't relevant to the role/function/industry for which you are applying Personal statement, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities outside of your core academic pursuits