

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RESUME & CV TRENDS

Most employers in the United States require applicants to submit a resume and cover letter to be considered for a position. Resumes are documents to succinctly communicate academic and professional accomplishments.

US RESUME TRENDS	US CV TRENDS	INTL. RESUME TRENDS
Submitted as tool to get an opportunity to interview	Often used when applying for academic, research, and scientific positions	Submitted as tool to get an opportunity to interview
One page is preferred, unless one has advanced degrees and extensive relevant experience to include on a second page	Often 3 pages or longer	Can be over one page
Concise, personalized, and written in reverse chronological order within each section. Used as a marketing tool to summarize skills, accomplishments, and academic and professional experiences relevant to the job or program for which you are applying	Detailed and written in reverse chronological order within each section. Offers a detailed, long synopsis of your accomplishments, including education, professional experience, teaching, research, publications, affiliations, honors, and associations	Detailed and not always written in reverse chronological order. Explains academic and formal employment experiences
Does not include personal information such as age, geographical preference, relationship status, or religion	Does not include personal information such as age, geographical preference, relationship status, or religion	Sometimes includes information such as age, geographical preference, relationship status, or religion
Does not include photo	Does not include photo	Sometimes includes photos
References listed on a separate document	References listed on a separate document unless employer requests inclusion	Sometimes includes references

## RESUME WRITING TIPS FOR INTL. STUDENTS TO CONSIDER:

- On an English resume, for a position located in the U.S., do not list English as a language, but include other languages
- Have your resume reviewed by Career Education Managers, advisors and peers to perfect content, spelling, and grammar
- Include all relevant experiences (this may include student orgs, internships, class projects, service, leadership, etc.)
- If searching internationally, research the appropriate resume trends for the region you hope to relocate to
- Rather than listing the job responsibilities, focus on the relevant skills, strengths, and accomplishments
- Save document as a PDF with your name in title and email that version to employer

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Check out the Resume Guide and more resume resources on the Career Center website to get more information on creating your resume!