Curriculum Vitae

A **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** is a comprehensive [document](#) that outlines an individual's academic background, professional experience, research output, teaching activities, honors, and affiliations.

Unlike a résumé (which is brief and targeted), a CV is **extensive**, **detailed**, and **evolving** — typically used in academic, research, and medical careers.

Standard Sections

- **Personal Information** – Name, contact details, academic titles.
- **Education** – Degrees earned, institutions, dates.
- **Academic Appointments** – Positions held in universities, hospitals, or research centers.
- **Publications** – Peer-reviewed articles, books, chapters.
- **Conferences & Presentations** – Talks, posters, invited lectures.
- **Grants & Funding** – Research projects, roles, funding bodies.
- **Teaching Experience** – Courses taught, student supervision.
- **Awards & Honors** – Recognitions, fellowships.
- **Memberships** – Societies, committees, working groups.
- **Languages, Skills, Certifications** – Relevant competencies.

Critical Perspective

A CV can reflect:

- **Substance** – When it showcases meaningful work, originality, and clear progression.
- **Surface polish** – When it becomes a performance of productivity (*see [Glossy Curriculum Vitae](#)*).
- **Padding** – When filled with honorary titles, irrelevant details, or co-authored consensus papers to create bulk.

In Practice

> A well-constructed CV should be **accurate**, **honest**, and **relevant** to the role it is being used for — not a catalogue of vanity metrics.

Related Terms

- [Careerism](#)
- [Academic Theater](#)
- [Institutional Prestige](#)
- [Formalism](#)

Bottom line: *A Curriculum Vitae should be a map of your intellectual journey — not a brochure for

academic marketing.*

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