

# Wilkes University Resume Checklist



## START WITH THE BASICS

- DO NOT use a template
- 12-14 pt. font
- Times New Roman or Arial font
- Black font
- No "I" statements
- No ending punctuation
- First and last name
- Underneath: phone number, city & state, email address, (school or personal, must be professional), personalized LinkedIn URL

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## OBJECTIVE STATEMENT AND EDUCATION



- Objective Statement: short and simple
- Major and year status
- Discuss what you want to learn and knowledge you want to gain
- DO NOT include high school
- CAN include: academic highlights, research, and relevant courses

**Objective Statement:** *A Mechanical Engineering position in manufacturing operations and mechanical and development where mechanical aptitude and commitment to safety can contribute to profits and efficiency.*

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(School Name | City, State)

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(Month Year of expected graduation)

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(Major, Spell out BS, BA, MBA, etc.)

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You can add GPA, if over 3.0; Dean's List, Relevant Coursework, Academic Highlights including research

## PROJECT, ACTION, AND RESULT



- **Project** — subject of the statement
- **Action** — the action verb, in the correct tense
- **Result** — what happened at the end
- **Possible Sections:** Relevant Experience, Volunteer Work, Work Experience, Activities, Leadership, and Civic Engagement

### Helpful Tips!

- **DO NOT** write out soft skills such as organization, time management, professionalism, communication, leadership, etc. in the skills section.
- **Instead** use the action verb statements in your experiences section to display those characteristics!

### Action Verbs

Apply	Initiate
Collaborate	Launch
Collect	Market
Communicate	Maximize
Correspond	Modify
Distinguish	Obtain
Define	Offer
Foster	Recognize
Gain	Research
Guide	Stimulate