PROFESSIONAL WRITING MINOR

Banner Code: PW

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Website: english.gmu.edu/programs/la-minor-la-pw

This minor provides students with opportunities to learn and apply advanced strategies for writing academic, professional, and civic documents. Students examine the theoretical, interdisciplinary, and professional aspects of writing and develop their expository, persuasive, organizational, and stylistic skills through close analysis of rhetorical situations and the features and approaches of successful writing. The strong communication and analytical skills developed while earning this minor contribute to student success in a wide variety of professional careers as well as graduate education.

The minor is a valuable asset for students interested in working in media organizations, trade and professional associations, and nonprofit organizations related to the arts, schools, and social change. It is also beneficial to students interested in careers in business, science, engineering, accounting, and many others that demand strong writing and communication skills for promotion and advancement.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Core Courses

- ENGH 380 Introduction to Writing and Rhetoric
- ENGH 382 Writing Nonfiction Genres
- or ENGH 388 Professional and Technical Writing

Total Credits 6

Electives

Students must take 3 electives: either 3 ENGH courses, or 2 ENGH courses and 1 elective from outside the department.

English Courses

- ENGH 375 Web Authoring and Design
- ENGH 376 Rhetoric and New Media
- ENGH 382 Writing Nonfiction Genres
- ENGH 386 Editing for Audience, Style, and Voice

- ENGH 388 Professional and Technical Writing
- ENGH 393 Forms of Nonfiction
- ENGH 399 Creative Nonfiction Writing
- ENGH 459 Internship
- ENGH 483 Technical Editing
- ENGH 484 RS: Writing Ethnography (Mason Core)
- ENGH 485 Document Design
- ENGH 486 RS: Writing Nonfiction for Publication (Mason Core)
- ENGH 488 Topics in Writing and Rhetoric
- ENGH 489 Proposal Writing and Development

Interdisciplinary Courses

- AMGT 471 Introduction to Grant Writing
- AVT 395 Writing for Artists
- CHSS 390 Peer Tutoring in Writing across the Disciplines
- COMM 303 Writing across the Media
- COMM 320 Business and Professional Communication
- COMM 351 News Writing and Reporting
- COMM 352 News Editing: Print and Beyond
- COMM 356 Video: Performance and Writing
- COMM 391 Writing for Public Relations
- GAME 332 RS: Story Design for Computer Games
- HEAL 372 Health Communication
- MLAB 300 Science Writing

Total Credits 9