

# Minor in Technical & Professional Writing

This 18-hour minor allows students to study techniques and strategies used in genres of technical and professional writing, including within technical, medical, scientific, nonprofit, and other professional contexts. Students will learn to write in various professional and technical genres, such as reports, proposals, instructions, and educational materials, and will learn to compose for a variety of audiences. A particular focus of the minor will be in learning to communicate complex information to lay audiences. Towards this end, students will gain skills in audience analysis, document design, style and editing, and research. Students will become more aware of theories and strategies of writing through close rhetorical analysis of professional and technical exemplary texts.

Students will complete 18 credit hours, with at least 9 hours from the following courses:

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01302	Introduction to Technical Writing				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01325	Scientific Writing and Rhetoric				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01326	Writing for Nonprofits				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01330	Medical Writing and Rhetoric				3

Students must complete 9 additional hours from either the above listed courses or from the courses listed below:

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01250	Tutoring Writing				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01301	Writing, Research, and Technology				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01322	Writing for the Workplace				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01370	Professions in Writing Arts				1
<input type="radio"/>	JRN 02317	Publication Layout and Design				3
<input type="radio"/>	JRN 02332	The Publishing Industry				3
<input type="radio"/>	JRN 02313	Magazine Article Writing				3
<input type="radio"/>	RTF 03295	Introduction to New Media				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01320	Internship I				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01321	Internship II				3
<input type="radio"/>	WA 01312	Research Practicum				3

Students may also receive credit toward the minor with special topics courses, with permission of advisor.

Students may also apply any of the following graduate courses toward the minor, in accordance with the senior privilege policy:

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01555	Writing For Electronic Communities				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01560	Managerial Communication				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01564	Information Architecture				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01565	Technical Writing				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01615	Independent Study (in a Technical or Professional Writing area)				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01620	Internet and Writing Studies				3
<input type="radio"/>	MAWR 01621	Visual Rhetoric and Multimodal Composition				3