Professional Writing

Minor

18 credit hours

This program is offered by the College of Arts & Sciences/English Department.

For information on general requirements for a minor, see Academic Policies and Procedures.

Program Description

The minor in professional writing is designed for students who want to learn about - and prepare to meet - the writing and other communication challenges found in business, nonprofit, governmental, and community settings.

Students who pursue the minor can choose from courses in areas such as journalism, writing for public relations and advertising, screenplay and scriptwriting, creative writing, and business and technical writing, as well as editing, linguistics and rhetoric, and cross-cultural communication.

Required Courses

18 credit hours from the following courses:

- ADVT 2910 Writing for Advertising (3 hours)
- ANTH 2300 Culture and Communication (3 hours)
- ENGL 2150 Creative Writing: Poetry (3 hours)
- ENGL 2160 Creative Writing: Fiction (3 hours)
- ENGL 2170 Creative Writing: Playwriting (3 hours)
- ENGL 2180 Creative Writing: Nonfiction (3 hours)
- ENGL 3450 Reading and Writing Autobiography (3 hours)
- ENGL 2600 Introduction to Linguistics (3 hours)
- JOUR 1030 Fundamentals of Reporting (3 hours)
- JOUR 2170 Copyreading/News Editing (3 hours)
- JOUR 3130 Feature Writing (3 hours)
- JOUR 3150 Topics in Modern Media (Film Criticism, Editorial Writing, Zines and the Art of Self Publishing, Entertainment Journalism, and others upon approval of English Dept.) (3 hours)
- JOUR 4170 Investigative Journalism (3 hours)
- JOUR 4390 Magazine Journalism (3 hours)
- MEDC 1050 Introduction to Media Writing (3 hours)
- SPCM 3600 Rhetoric (3 hours)
- PBRL 2920 Writing for Public Relations (3 hours)
- SCPT 2900 Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- SCPT 3500 Writing Screenplays for Film (3 hours)
- SCPT 4400 Television Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- SCPT 4500 Advanced Scriptwriting (3 hours)
- WRIT 2072 Writing for Change (3 hours)
- WRIT 2090 Writing in the Workplace (3 hours)
- WRIT 3000 Professional Writing Practicum (1-3 hours)
- WRIT 3100 Report and Proposal Writing (3 hours)
- WRIT 3200 Technical Writing (3 hours)
- WRIT 4000 Topics in Professional Writing (3 hours)

Students should consult with the professional writing program advisor in order to tailor the program to their specific interests.