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PROFESSIONAL WRITING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

The certificate consists of 3 core courses (9 units) and 3 supporting courses (9 units) selected from one of two tracks, for a total of 6 required courses (18 required units). In addition, students may choose to create their own track by selecting 3 courses (9 units) and writing a proposal that demonstrates how the three selected courses complement the 3 Professional Writing core courses (9 units) to form a cohesive specialization in Professional Writing (18 required units). Students shall submit their proposal to the Director of the Professional Writing program for approval.

Students must meet all prerequisites for the individual courses. All courses must be completed with a 3.0 gpa or better.

Core Courses (9 units)

Course Title	Department	Number	Units
Writing and Rhetorical Conventions	ENGL	301	3
Technical and Professional Writing	ENGL	402	3
Advanced Professional Writing and Editing	ENGL	405	3

Supporting Courses: Professional Writing and Design (9 credits)

Course Title	Department	Number	Units
Multimedia Authoring: Exploring New Rhetorics	DTC/ENGL	355	3
Advanced Multimedia Authoring	DTC/ENGL	477	3
Usability and Interface Design	DTC/ENGL	478	3
Composition and Design	ENGL	336	3
Topics in Magazine Editing and Creative Writing	ENGL	357	3
Writing/Editing Internship (taken after core courses)	ENGL	498	3
Introduction to Digital Media	FA	332	3
Print Based Media	FA	433	3
Digital and Photo Processes for Printmaking	FA	471	3
Media, Culture, and Society	SOC	373	3
Computer-aided Design and Engineering Systems	MECH	485	3
Other Courses (approved by the Director)	Various	###	#

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Supporting Courses: Professional Writing and Organizational Communication (9 credits)

Course Title	Department	Number	Units
Speech, Thought, and Culture	ANTH	350	3
Electronic Research and the Rhetoric of Information	DTC/ENGL	356	3
Language, Texts, and Technology	DTC/ENGL	375	3
Rhetoric and Composition for Teaching	ENGL	324	3
Applied Grammar for Teachers	ENGL	326	3
Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics	ENGL	458	3
Theory and Practice in Technical and Professional Writing	ENGL	461	3
Writing/Editing Internship (taken after core courses)	ENGL	498	3
Reporting	JOUR	305	3
Principles of Management and Organization	MTG OP	301	3
Industrial/Organizational Psychology	PSYCH	306	3
Cultural Diversity in Organizations	PSYCH	328	3
Psychology of Language	PSYCH	492	3
Policy Analysis	POL S	416	3
Other Courses (approved by the Director)	Various	###	#

Supporting Courses: Individualized Professional Writing Specialization (9 units)

Course Title	Department	Number	Units
Selected by Student (Approved by Director)	Various	###	≥3
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