



Technical Writing

The Technical Writing concentration at Old Dominion University provides students with foundational knowledge on how to solve communication problems in the workplace and beyond. Students learn how to communicate complex technical information through a variety of document styles that meet both the needs of clients and users. Students also learn valuable document design skills, such as understanding the importance and impact of strong visual communication. The concentration offers a range of courses that blend theory with practice to cultivate a set of marketable skills, experience conducting and condensing research, and an understanding of workplace expectations and practices. This concentration pairs well with a minor or double major in Communications, Business, or Marketing.

CAREERS

- Technical Writer/Editor
- Medical Writer
- Copy Writer/Editor
- Marketing/Public Relations Specialist
- Communication Specialist
- Grant Writer
- UX/UI Writer

SKILLS

- Technical Writing
- Research Methods
- Web Design
- Document Design
- Project Management
- Digital Writing/Basic Code
- User Experiences (UX)/Usability Testing

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the minimum requirement of 120 semester hours, as known as credits, to earn a baccalaureate degree. Even after completing all general education, core, and concentration requirements, students will have to take additional courses to complete 120 credit hours. Technical writing students under the English major are encouraged to complete a minor or a double major in a field related to technical writing. Some recommended pairings include Communications, Business, or Marketing.

CORE REQUIREMENTS

Technology

ENGL 307T Digital Writing

Writing (Choose 1)

ENGL 300W Intro to Creative Writing

ENGL 327W Advanced Composition

ENGL 334W Technical Writing

ENGL 427W Writing in the Disciplines

Theory and Analytics (Choose 2)

ENGL 325 Intro to Rhetorical Studies

ENGL 333 Intro to Critical Theory

ENGL 370 English Linguistics

Literature Elective (Choose 2)

Open Elective (Choose 1)

ENGL 300/400 level

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGL 334W Technical Writing

ENGL 335 Editing and Document Design

ENGL 368 Writing Internship

ENGL 435W Management Writing

Additional Courses* (Choose 2)

ENGL 327W Advanced Composition

ENGL 427W Writing in the Disciplines

ENGL 436 Writing for the Government

ENGL 439 Writing in Digital Spaces

ENGL 468 Advanced Writing Internship

ENGL 495 Topics in English**

XXXX 4xxW Disciplinary Writing**

*Choose courses not been taken in the core

**Requires approval from technical writing coordinator and/or chief departmental advisor. Must be relevant to technical writing.

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