TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction
Technical writers analyze audiences, visualize data, manage content, write reports, design apps and user interfaces, compose web pages, and communicate science to the public. Technical and professional writing is everywhere. It’s a dynamic field and industry that is constantly changing to keep pace with new technologies, emerging problems, and audience needs. The Technical and Professional Writing Certificate prepares students to become innovative, collaborative, and technically proficient writers who can work across a range of fields, including business, health, nonprofits, technology, science, publishing, environment, and law.

Program Delivery
• The certificate can be completed through online, in-person, or hybrid courses.

Declaring This Certificate
• Please contact the certificate advisor.

For questions about the Technical and Professional Writing certificate program, contact Kari Campeau (kari.campeau@ucdenver.edu).

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Technical and Professional Writing advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

General Requirements
Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

• Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/) for information about Academic Policies

Certificate Requirements
1. Students must complete a minimum of 12 ENGL credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of nine upper-division (3000-level or higher) credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 3.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. All credits for the certificate must be completed with CU Denver faculty.

Certificate Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations
1. Students must include an internship or a course (at least three credits) taken outside of the English department.
2. Students must attend at least three Career Center (http:// www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/careercenter/Pages/default.aspx) activities, which can include events, workshops, or 1-on-1 appointments.

Code | Title | Hours
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Complete one of the following technical and scientific writing courses: | 3
ENGL 3154 | Technical Writing | ENGL 4175 | Writing in the Sciences |
These foundational courses introduce students to technical or scientific writing. Students can expect to gain an academic grounding as well as hands-on experience in technical or scientific writing.

Complete one of the following professional writing courses: | 3
ENGL 3170 | Business Writing | ENGL 4280 | Proposal and Grant Writing |
ENGL 4701 | Multimedia in the Community |
These courses offer students an opportunity to develop their TPW skills in a specific field or industry. Courses focus on the unique TPW skills and situations called for when writing for business, nonprofit, community, journalistic, or grant-writing contexts.

Complete one of the following rhetorical approaches courses: | 3
ENGL 2060 | Introduction to Writing & Digital Studies | ENGL 2070 | Grammar, Rhetoric and Style |
ENGL 4190 | Advanced Topics in Writing, Rhetoric, & Linguistics (in approved topics) |
These courses ground students’ TPW skills in rhetorical approaches to writing. Rhetorical approaches are anchored to audience, context, purpose and are attuned to the social and cultural contexts of communication.

Complete one of the following interdisciplinary learning courses: | 3
BIOL 3763 | Biostatistics | COMM 3660 | Social Media for Social Change |
COMM 4282 | Environmental Communication | ENGL 3939 | Internship |
IWKS 3200 | Data Science for Innovators | IWKS 3620 | Mobile App Development |
PBHL 3030 | Health Policy |
These outside course requirement situates students to gain subject-matter expertise in a related field or internship.

Any upper-division course or internship deemed to be central to the student’s writing goals in consultation with the certificate Director

Total Hours 12
To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (https://clas.ucdenver.edu/english/undergraduate-programs/what-technical-and-professional-writing-certificate/).