

Professional Writing, Undergraduate Certificate

Students may earn the Certificate in Professional Writing Certificate by completing 18 hours in selected writing courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. ~~Twelve of the 18 hours must be taken at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Courses may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.~~ Interested students should contact the program coordinator for an application and assistance in selecting courses. Upon completion of four or five writing courses, please consult the coordinator to make arrangements for ENGL 4890. ENGL 2400 or ENGL 2410 and ENGL 4890 are required. Four additional courses are to be chosen from the following list:

~~Students may take a combination of Professional, Academic, and Creative Writing courses leading up to a Capstone course.~~

~~Students who wish to pursue a technical writing emphasis should contact the Coordinator for information about appropriate courses and internships.~~

Professional Writing Genre Courses

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| ENGL/MEDIA ST 2080 | Advertising Copywriting | 3 |
| ENGL 2125 | Introduction to Technical Communication (MOTR ENGL 110) | 3 |
| ENGL 2180 | Introduction to News Writing | 3 |
| ENGL 3120 | Business Writing | 3 |
| ENGL 3130 | Technical Writing | 3 |
| ENGL/MEDIA ST 3150 | Feature Writing | 3 |
| ENGL 3280 /COMM 2180 | Public Relations Writing | 3 |
| ENGL 4162 | Writers at Work | 3 |
| ENGL 4860 | Editing and the Production Process | 3 |

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| ENGL 4870 | Advanced Business and Technical Writing | 3 |
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| ENGL 4871 | Publishing: Writers, Editors, and Readers | 3 |
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| ENGL 4880 | Writing for Teachers | 3 |
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Academic Writing Courses

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| ENGL 2120 | Topics in Writing | 3 |
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| ENGL 2400 | Rhetorical Ways with Words | 3 |
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| ENGL 2410 | Literate Lives | 3 |
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| ENGL 2810 | Traditional Grammar | 3 |
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| ENGL 3090 | Turning the Kaleidoscope: How We Look at Texts | 3 |
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| ENGL 3100 | Junior-Level Writing | 3 |
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| ENGL 3110 | Junior-Level Writing for International Students | 3 |
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| ENGL 3160 | Writing in the Sciences | 3 |
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| ENGL 3200 | Composing Disability | 3 |
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| ENGL 4160 | Special Topics in Writing | 3 |
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| ENGL 4790 | Rhetoric and Social Justice | 3 |
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| ENGL 4810 | Descriptive English Grammar | 3 |
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| ENGL 4850 | Topics in the Teaching of Writing | 1-3 |
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Creative Writing Courses

Students may take up to 2 creative writing courses.

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| ENGL 2020 | Introduction to Creative Writing | 3 |
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| ENGL 2030 | Poetry Writing Jumpstart | 3 |
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| ENGL 2040 | Fiction Writing Jumpstart | 3 |
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| ENGL 3030 | Improving on the Blank Page: Writing Poetry | 3 |
| ENGL 3040 | Lying to Tell a Truth: Writing Fiction | 3 |
| ENGL 4130 | A Machine Made of Words: Writing Your Best Poems | 3 |
| ENGL 4140 | Polishing Your Stories: Producing a Publishable Short Story | 3 |
| ENGL 4150 | Creative Non-Fiction | 3 |
| ENGL 4180 | Novel Beginnings | 3 |
| ENGL 4895 | Editing "Litmag" (can be taken as a capstone) | 3 |
| Honors Courses | | |
| HONORS 2020 | Inquiries in the Fine and Performing Arts | 3 |
| HONORS 3100 | Honors Advanced Composition: Writing The City | 3 |
| HONORS 3020 | Advanced Honors Seminar in the Fine and Performing Arts | 3 |
| Capstone Course | | |
| ENGL 4890 | Writing Internship (Required. Usually taken as the last course in the program. Must include an extensive final project.) | 3 |
| ENGL 4892 | Independent Writing Project | 3 |

~~When the student has completed requirements for the certificate, the coordinator will notify the university registrar and the college from which the student will graduate. Upon the student's graduation, completion of the Professional Writing Certificate will be noted on the official transcript and a certificate will be mailed to the student's residence. Students who have graduated before completing the Professional Writing Certificate will receive the certificate in the mail and will have the certificate entered on their official transcripts.~~

Rationale

We are aligning the curriculum for the Professional Writing Certificate with the most recent changes to the undergraduate English department curriculum.