Powerful communication can take you anywhere you want to go. Enhance your writing and communication skills and learn how to apply this knowledge in a variety of disciplines and professional settings.

Description

The writing certificate program provides advanced writing instruction for students in any major. Students in the program gain practical skills in effective communication and enhance their ability to create, structure and present information in a variety of contexts.

ASU's Department of English in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has an extensive internship program, with opportunities for placements in publishing, media and marketing, government, teaching English as a second language, nonprofits and film festivals. The Department of English also boasts top online programs, rigorous undergraduate research opportunities and options for cultural and community involvement.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2019 - 2020 Certificate Map
The writing certificate program consists of 19 credit hours, at least 12 of which must be completed at the upper-division level. A minimum of six upper-division credit hours must be courses offered by the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

**Required Courses -- 16 credit hours**

- ENG 216: Persuasive Writing on Public Issues (L) or ENG 301: Writing for the Professions (L) (3)
- ENG 374: Technical Editing (3)
- ENG 412: Creative Nonfiction (3)
- ENG 472: Rhetorical Studies (L) (3)
- ENG 484: Writing Certificate Internship (3)
- ENG 498: Writing Certificate Portfolio (L) (1)

**Writing or Design Elective (choose one) -- 3 credit hours**

Students choose one additional writing course in English or Design selected from the following list of approved courses:

- ENG 215: Strategies of Academic Writing (L) (3)
- ENG 216: Persuasive Writing on Public Issues (L) (3)
- ENG 310: Intermediate Creative Writing (3)
- ENG 311: Persuasive Writing (L) (3)
- ENG 387: Intermediate Creative Writing Workshop in Poetry: Form, Theory, and Practice (3)
- ENG 388: Intermediate Creative Writing Workshop in Fiction: Form, Theory, and Practice (3)
- ENG 391: Writing in Context (3)
- ENG 474: Review Writing (3)
- ENG 475: Popular Periodical Writing (L) (3)
- TWC Upper Division Elective (3)

All students are required to submit a portfolio before receiving the certificate.

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

**Enrollment Requirements**

Application to the program requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in ENG 101 and ENG 102, ENG 105, or ENG 107 and ENG 108. Students must also have completed at least 30 credit hours of coursework. Students should contact the department for more information.
A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

**Contact Information**

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