ENGLISH STUDIES:
PROFESSIONAL
AND TECHNICAL
COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR
(B.A.)

https://manchester.unh.edu/program/ba/professional-technical-communications-major

Description

Students in the English Studies: Professional and Technical Communications program study to become accomplished digital-age communicators. You'll develop transferable skill sets in oral and written communication that prepare you to excel in any professional environment. In addition, you'll learn to communicate and collaborate in specializations of your choice — including, among others, new media journalism, creative nonfiction, business writing, and technical writing.

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Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH Manchester undergraduate students will develop individual academic plans with their professional advisor during the first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

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1 Can be duplicated for credit, provided the topics are different.
2 Capstone course. Students must have earned 90 credits before completing the internship for capstone credit. If students wish to do an internship before senior class standing, they must consult with the program coordinator to designate an upper-level course as a capstone course.
3 ENGL 791 English Grammar is recommended.
4 These courses may be selected from the Communication Arts program and/or other programs, with program coordinator approval.

Requirements

Degree Requirements

Minimum Credit Requirement: 128 credits

Minimum Residency Requirement: 32 credits must be taken at UNH

Minimum GPA: 2.0 required for conferral*

Core Curriculum Required: Discovery & Writing Program Requirements

Foreign Language Requirement: Yes

All Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*Major GPA requirements as indicated.

Major Requirements

For the English Studies: Professional and Technical Communications program at UNH Manchester, students must complete a minimum of 128 credits and satisfy the University’s Discovery Program and foreign language requirements, and complete a minimum of 40 credits in major coursework with a grade of C- or higher. The major requirements consist of a minimum of 10 courses. These 10 courses (40 credits) must include the internship requirement.

Students must earn C or higher in ENGL 419 How to Read Anything, ENGL 502 Professional and Technical Writing, and ENGL 595 Literary Topics in order for these classes to count towards the major.
ENGL 595  Literary Topics (Digital Creative Writing)  4
Discovery Course  4

Credits  16

Third Year
Fall
Any 500, 600, or 700-level writing, communications, or journalism electives  4
ENGL 694  Special Topics in Creative Writing  4
Discovery Course  4
Elective  4

Credits  16

Spring
ENGL 602  Advanced Professional and Technical Writing  4
Any 500, 600, or 700-level writing, communications, or journalism electives  4
Discovery Course  4
Elective  4

Credits  16

Fourth Year
Fall
UMST 500  Internship  4
Discovery Course  4
Elective  4
Elective  4

Credits  16

Spring
Any 500, 600, or 700-level writing, communications, or journalism electives  4
Elective  4
Elective  4
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Credits  16

Total Credits  129-130

Student Learning Outcomes

English Studies Program Learning Outcomes

Students will be able to:

• Produce clear, compelling, contextually appropriate and well-supported writing.

• Engage with writing as a rhetorical, collaborative, and recursive process from invention to product.

• Demonstrate versatility in writing and speaking within a variety of academic and professional contexts and platforms (including professional and vocational contexts in the form of internships and/or capstone projects).

• Expertly read and analyze texts—literary and non-literary—from diverse time periods, genres, and authorial perspectives.

• Recognize language as culturally, historically, and socially constructed.

• Adeptly use information literacy and technology skills.