

# Technical Writing and Editing

Program Advising Checklist – Catalog Year 2014-2015 • TCM2

The Technical Writing and Editing concentration provides the student with both the theory and production practices of technical writing and editing used by industry and government. It includes course work in the writing, editing, design, and production of technical reports, proposals, and manuals in addition to professional experience and hands-on practices with computer hardware and software. The curriculum is designed to provide breadth of knowledge and multi-task capability.

## Technical Communication Core

All technical communication majors are required to complete the following courses:

- COM 1450 - Literacy and Communication Technologies .....
- COM 2720 - Introduction to Communication Concepts and Systems .....
- COM 3780 - Communication Law.....
- COM 4790 - Senior Seminar in Technical Communications .....

**Core Subtotal: 12 credit hours**

## Concentration Courses

- COM 2610 - Introduction to Technical Writing .....
- COM 3310 - International Technical Communications .....
- COM 3620 - Technical Editing.....
- COM 3625 - Usability Testing .....
- COM 3630 - Designing Technical Publications .....
- COM 3670 - Writing for the Environmental Industry .....

**Concentration Subtotal: 18 credit hours**

## Choose 6 credit hours from the following

- COM 2420 - Basic Single Camera Video Production .....
- COM 2430 - Introduction to Media Production .....
- COM 2450 - Basic Interactive Production .....
- COM 2460 - Media Graphics Production .....
- COM 2480 - Introduction to Computer Animation .....

**Subtotal: 6 credit hours**

## Electives

Choose 6 credit hours from the following:

- COM 3330 - Technical Writing for Translation.....
- COM 3440 - Scriptwriting for Video.....
- COM 3470 - Writing for Interactive Media .....
- COM 3480 - Interactive 3D Production .....
- COM 3540 - Mobile and Social Media .....
- COM 3635 - Producing Documentation for Web and Print Publication .....
- COM 3640 - Writing Computer-User Software Documentation .....
- COM 3650 - Writing Hardware Documentation.....
- COM 3660 - Variable Topics in Industrial and Technical Communications .....
- COM 4760 - Advanced Internship in Technical Communications \* .....

*\* Note: Internships require permission of instructor.*

- JRN 1010 - Introduction to Journalism and Mass Media .....
- JRN 1100 - Journalism Fundamentals .....



**Optional Electives Outside the Department:**

*These courses may have prerequisites within their respective departments.*

ENG 2010 - Introduction to Linguistics.....

***Electives Subtotal: 6 credit hours***

**Technical Writing and Editing Concentration: 42 Credit Hours Total**

*As a reminder to all degree-seeking students, COLLEGE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS ARE:*

- Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
- Complete a minimum of 40 upper division credit hours
- Complete all general studies requirements
- Complete a Major/Minor combination, a double or extended major

***Reminder:*** No more than 7 semester hours in music ensemble will be counted towards a bachelor's degree for students who are not majoring in music.