

THE PROFESSIONAL WRITING MINOR

<http://www.writing.ucsb.edu/minor>

A perfect complement to any major, the Professional Writing Minor will help you refine your communication. You take three upper-division writing courses as prerequisites, apply for the minor in the fall of your senior year, and take two capstone courses and an internship or elective to complete the minor.

1. Take three prerequisite courses.

Every Writing 105, Writing 107, and Writing 109 course in the Writing Program is acceptable as a prerequisite. In addition, each track has recommended prerequisites.

Prerequisite courses recommended for all tracks

Writing 105G: Grammar and Stylistics	Writing 107J: Journalism and News Writing
Writing 105M: Multimedia Writing	Writing 107M: Magazine Writing for Publication
Writing 105PS: Writing for Public Speaking	Writing 107P: Writing for Public Relations
Writing 107B: Business & Administrative Writing	Writing 107WC: Writing Web Content
Writing 107G: Writing for Global Careers	Writing 126: Journalism for Web & Social Media

Strongly recommended courses for each track

Business Communication

Writing 107B: Business & Administrative Writing
Writing 107G: Writing for Global Careers

Civic Engagement

Writing 105PD: Writing for Public Discourse
Writing 107G: Writing for Global Careers

Journalism

Writing 107J: Journalism & News Writing
Writing 126: Journalism for Web & Social Media

Multimedia Communication

Writing 105M: Multimedia Writing
Writing 105RC: Rhetoric & Code

Professional Editing

Writing 105G: Grammar and Stylistics

Science Communication

Writing 105SW: Science Writing for the Public
Writing 109HP: Writing for Health Professionals
Writing 109ST: Writing for Science and Technology

2. Choose a track, apply for admission, and if admitted take two capstone courses.

Business Communication

Writing 157A: Business Comm for Client Projects
Writing 157B: Strategic Business Communication

Civic Engagement

Writing 153A: Civic Engagement & Public Writing
Writing 153B: Writing for Civic Organizations

Journalism

Writing 152A: Advanced Beat Reporting
Writing 152B: Multiplatform Journalism

Multimedia Communication

Writing 155A: Document Design & Production
Writing 155B: Digital Portfolio

Professional Editing

Writing 151A: Copyediting
Writing 151B: Style & Usage

Science Communication

Writing 159A: Scientific Literacy
Writing 159B: Science Comm for the Public

3. Do an internship or take Writing 162 in spring of your senior year.

Faculty in the Professional Writing Minor have developed partnerships with local businesses and organizations where you can find high-quality, writing-intensive internships. We also offer specialized electives (Writing 161 and Writing 162) that can substitute for the internship requirement and course.

Senior year schedule

Fall: apply for the Minor Winter: first capstone course Spring: second capstone course & internship