

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in English and Professional Writing requires the completion of 120 Credits and is typically completed over four academic years. Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and expose you to the general topics of English and professional writing.

Professional Writing Courses: Professional Writing: An Introduction, Research for Professional Writers

English Courses: Introduction to Literary Study, Intertextualities

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Second Year

In your second year, you will complete your introductory tour through the fundamentals of both Professional Writing and literary study in English



Professional Writing Courses: Rhetoric: Strategy and Application, Genre for Professional Writers, Fundamentals of Editing, Writing in Digital Cultures

English Course Options (6 Credits): Prose Narrative, The Short Story, Introduction to World Literature, Creative Writing + many more

Elective Course Options: Studies in Non-Fiction, Grammar and Proofreading

Third Year

In third year, you will explore Professional Writing's specialized fields while focusing more nearly on your particular interests in English.



Professional Writing Course Options (6 Credits): Intermediate Digital Authoring, Introduction to Periodical Writing and Publishing, Introduction to Institutional/Business Writing, Books and Bookmaking in the 21st Century

English Course Options (6 Credits): Powers of Persuasion, Haunted America, Contemporary Literature, Creative Non-Fiction and Mixed Genre + many more

Elective Course Options: Journalism Ethics: A Practical and Theoretical Approach, The Ethics of Publicity, Practical Studies in Damage Control, Reading the News: Examining the Rhetoric of the Press, Substantive Editing, Digesting Technical Information, Workshop in Presentation Strategies, The Mechanics of Style

Fourth Year

In fourth year, you will select two Professional writing fields and engage with them in hands-on practicum courses while examining intensively literature that fascinates you.



Professional Writing Practicum Options (12 Credits): Digital Authoring Practicum, Periodical Writing and Publishing Practicum, Institutional/Business Writing Practicum, Book Publishing Practicum

English Course Options (12 Credits): Canadian Graphic Novel, Food and Writing, Canadian Topics: Life-Writing, Contemporary Poetry and Poetics + many more

Elective Course Options: Print Culture and the History of the Book, Travel Writing & The Professional Writer Landscape, Editing Shakespeare Electronically and in Print: The Theory and Practice of Editorial Transmission and Transformation, Advanced Workshop 1: Visual Information and Document Design, Advanced Workshop 2: Multimedia Authoring and Practices



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