

Professional Writing (PRWR)

Gain the expertise in writing highly sought after by prospective employers while studying forms of written expression that inform and shape our culture. Our Professional Writing program offers you the opportunity to develop the analytic and critical skills needed to keep pace with cultural, social and technological transformation in the contemporary world.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Professional Writing will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/WRIT 1003 - Professional Writing: An Introduction	6.00
Major Course	AP/WRIT 1004 - Research for Professional Writers	3.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Professional Writing	Any course that is not a Professional Writing or general education course	3.00 or 6.00
Elective Course	Any course for which you meet the prerequisite requirements	3.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Professional Writing, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professionals Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Professional Writing can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

Communication Studies	Linguistics
History	Political Science
Law and Society	Sociology
	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

English	Political Science
History	Public Administration
Linguistics	Sociology
	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

- Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Sydney Hoareau
Alumni
Professional Writing '16

"What I liked best about the Professional Writing program was being surrounded by professors and students that were just as passionate and driven as I was. They helped me become a better writer and a more disciplined person. In September 2017 I started my career as one of TSN's story editors. There is no way I would have received this opportunity without the skills I acquired from York's Professional Writing program."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Professional Writing requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four 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 allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



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

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

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Professional Writing

Second Year

In your second year, you will complete your introductory tour through the fundamentals of Professional Writing.



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

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

Third Year

In your third year, you will begin to explore Professional Writing's specialized fields.



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

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 fields and engage with them in year-long, hands-on practicum courses.



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

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



Your Degree!