


PROFESSIONAL WRITING

REQUIREMENTS






CORE CURRICULUM

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at marshall.edu/gened.

CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	3	_____
 MTH 121	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____
_____	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____

CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
 ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	_____
 ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3	_____
 CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3	_____
 MTH 121	Concepts & Applications Math (CT)	3	_____
_____	Core II Natural/Physical Science	4	_____
_____	Core II Humanities (ENG 200 Rec.)	3	_____
 _____	Core II Social Science	3	_____
_____	Core II Fine Arts	3	_____

Additional University Requirements

ENG__	Writing Intensive	3	_____
ENG__	Writing Intensive	3	_____
_____	Multicultural or International	3	_____
ENG 499	Capstone	3	_____


COLLEGE-SPECIFIC

All liberal arts majors are required to complete the following College of Liberal Arts Requirements. These classes may not be counted towards Core II requirements.

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
_____	Foreign Language 101	3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 102	3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 203	3	_____	_____	COLA Social Science	3	_____
_____	Foreign Language 204	3	_____	_____	COLA Natural/Physical Science	4	_____
_____	COLA Humanities	3	_____	_____	COLA International	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	3	_____	_____	COLA Multicultural	3	_____
_____	COLA Literature	3	_____				

MAJOR-SPECIFIC

Students who wish to major in Professional Writing must take the following courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
ENG 314	Intro to Professional Writing	3	_____	ENG 490	Internship	3	_____
 ENG 350	Intro to Textual Analysis	3	_____	ENG__	English Elective	3	_____
ENG 439	Professional Writing Theory	3	_____	ENG__	English elective	3	_____
ENG 499	Senior Capstone	3	_____	ENG__	English elective	3	_____
ENG__	Professionalization Course #1 (see list)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
ENG__	Professionalization Course #2 (see list)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
ENG__	Specialist Course #1 (see list)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____
ENG__	Specialist Course #2 (see list)	3	_____	_____	Free Elective	3	_____

MAJOR INFORMATION

- The total number of free electives will depend on the amount of double and triple counting of requirements. Core II and COLA requirements may not be double counted.
- See course attributes each semester for courses that meet multiple requirements.
- Questions about requirements should be directed to your English Department advisor (304-696-6600) or to the College of Liberal Arts (304-696-2350).
- Students must earn a C or better in ENG 201, all ENG courses for the major, and all foreign language courses.
- Forty-eight credit hours (sixteen 3-hour courses) must be at the 300/400 level.
- Minimum of 120 hours to graduate.
- ENG 499 is not offered in summer.
- ENG 350 must be taken within the first 9 hours of coursework within the major.
- Professionalization Courses: Choose 2 from ENG 407, ENG 408 or ENG 431
- Specialist Courses: Choose 3 from ENG 204, ENG 263, ENG 354, ENG 467, ENG 476, or ENG 490.
- No more than six hours of ENG courses at the 200-level may count toward the BA degree in English. No credit hours in ENG with a grade lower than C may count toward the BA degree in ENG.

Area of Emphasis

Major Requirement

College Requirement

General Education Requirement

Milestone Course: This is a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

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The B.A. in Professional Writing program at Marshall University prepares students for a variety of writing careers using multiple media and digital tools. Working professionals require a range of writing skills that cross all fields and disciplines. They must write with clarity, purpose, and a solid understanding of their audience. This takes training, and our goal in the Department of English at Marshall University is to prepare students to delve into every writing challenge with confidence and savvy. We teach students to work with a wide range of documents, such as proposals, business plans, and reports, while also composing within digital environments for a variety of purposes. Professional writers can specialize in technology, science, health care, journalism, fund development, any given trade, or all of these things and more to build a portfolio and a busy career.

FALL SEMESTER					SPRING SEMESTER					
CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		
YEAR ONE	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	●	3			Core II Humanities (ENG 200 Rec.)	●	3	
	FYS 100	First Year Sem Crit Thinking	●	3		ENG 201	Advanced Composition	●	3	
		Core II Social Science	■	3			Core I Critical Thinking	●	3	
		COLA Social Science	●	3		MTH 121	Concepts and Applications Math (CT)	●	3	
	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	●	3			Core II Fine Arts	●	3	
	UNI 100	Freshman First Class		1						
TOTAL HOURS				16	TOTAL HOURS				15	
Summer Term (optional):										
FALL SEMESTER					SPRING SEMESTER					
CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		
YEAR TWO	ENG 350	Intro to Textual Analysis	◆	3		ENG ____	Professionalization Course #1 (see list)	◆	3	
		Core II Physical/Natural Science	●	4			COLA Social Science	■	3	
		Foreign Language 101	■	3			COLA International	■	3	
	ENG 314	Intro to Professional Writing	◆	3			Foreign Language 102	■	3	
		Multicultural or International	●	3			Free Elective		3	
	TOTAL HOURS				16	TOTAL HOURS				15
Summer Term (optional):										
FALL SEMESTER					SPRING SEMESTER					
CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		
YEAR THREE	ENG ____	Specialist Course #1 (see list)	◆	3		ENG 439	Professional Writing Theory	◆	3	
	ENG ____	Professionalization Course #2 (see list)	◆	3		ENG ____	Specialist Course #2 (see list)	◆	3	
	ENG ____	English Elective	◆	3			COLA Physical/Natural Science	■	4	
		Foreign Language 203	■	3			COLA Social Science	■	3	
		Free Elective		3			Foreign Language 204	■	3	
	TOTAL HOURS				15	TOTAL HOURS				16
Summer Term (optional):										
FALL SEMESTER					SPRING SEMESTER					
CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		
YEAR FOUR	ENG ____	English Elective	◆	3		ENG 499	Senior Capstone (C)	●◆	3	
	ENG 490	Internship	◆	3		ENG ____	English Elective	◆	3	
		COLA Multicultural	■	3			Free Elective		3	
		COLA Humanities	■	3			Free Elective		3	
		Free Elective		3						
	TOTAL HOURS				15	TOTAL HOURS				12
Summer Term (optional):										

● General Education Requirement ■ College Requirement ◆ Major Requirement ● Area of Emphasis

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