Interdisciplinary Minor in Creative and Professional Writing

The Interdisciplinary Minor in Creative and Professional Writing offers students an opportunity to gain experience in many different kinds of writing from poetry and fiction to journalism and public relations. The minor helps students develop and mature as writers by providing extensive practice in both creative and professional forms of writing. Though English and Communication majors frequently seek the minor in Creative and Professional Writing as an additional credential, students from any discipline may pursue it. The minor can help students prepare directly for careers in journalism, public relations, advertising, or corporate communications, as well as for graduate study in creative writing or journalism. Any student who completes the minor will have strengthened his or her ability to compete in the many professional settings that demand extensive writing.

General Requirements

The CPW minor requires 18 semester credits of writing courses, nine credits from English and nine credits from Communication. 4000-level writing courses in the English department may count both for the CPW minor and as electives for the English major or minor. Only one 3000-level course may count for both the CPW minor and the English major or minor (as long as the student has already completed the 3000-level literature course required for the College of Arts and Sciences core).

English Courses – 9 Credits

ENGL 3030 The Writer as Reader
ENGL 3040 Writing Literacy Narratives
ENGL 3050 Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 3060 Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 3070 Creative Writing: Drama
ENGL 3080 Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
ENGL 3090 Creative Writing: Poetry and Translation
ENGL 3100 Creative Writing: Special Topics
ENGL 4000 Business & Professional Writing
ENGL 4010 New Media Writing
ENGL 4050 Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry
ENGL 4060 Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction
ENGL 4070 Advanced Creative Writing: Drama
ENGL 4080 Advanced Creative Writing: Non-Fiction
ENGL 4090 Advanced Creative Writing: Time in Fiction
ENGL 4091 Advanced Creative Writing: Poetry and Translation
ENGL 4980 Advanced Independent Study; may be a writing internship

Communication Courses – 9 Credits

CMM 2100 Journalism: News Writing

OR

CMM 2120 Message Design

Plus two courses selected from:

CMM 3110 Feature Writing
CMM 3120 Multimedia Scriptwriting
CMM 3130 Editorial and Opinion Writing
CMM 3140 Essay Writing
CMM 3610 Writing for Public Relations
CMM 3710 Advertising Writing and Production
CMM 4160 Editing
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