English/Professional Writing

Official Program Checksheet

Why Choose the English/Professional Writing Minor?

This minor develops students' skills in writing, critical reading, and analytical thinking - precisely the skills needed for advancement in nearly any career. The Professional Writing minor includes course work in linguistics, rhetoric, and a number of courses having to do with different forms of professional writing (e.g., grant proposals, publications, technical communication, opinion writing). Students in this minor may select the courses that apply most closely to their future career and employment goals. This minor enhances the employability of students for careers requiring intensive technical and professional reports, interpretive and critical thinking skills, formal proposals for funding, advanced writing abilities and methods of research, analysis, and interpretations.

While all careers are enhanced by communication skills, specific academic programs at Ferris especially lend themselves to the English/Professional Writing minor including:


Admission Requirements

This English/Professional Writing minor is open to any student admitted to Ferris State and pursuing a baccalaureate degree except those pursuing the Technical and Professional Communication, B.S. or Journalism and Technical Communication, B.S. degrees. The minor is designed to complement any Ferris major program. Students may use only one-third of the credits in a minor that overlap with the student's major. For example: If a minor is 18 credits, 6 credits may be applied to the minor that are also used in the major. Students may apply 6 credit hours of overlap between minors.

Graduation Requirements

An academic minor may only be awarded upon completion of a baccalaureate degree at Ferris State. This minor requires a minimum of 22 credits with a minimum 2.0 grade average in these courses.

Also, 50 percent of the credits for a minor must be taught by Ferris State University.

More Information

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