

Plan of Study: M.A. Professional Writing

Student: _____

Semester admitted _____

Degree requirements: The M.A. with a concentration in professional writing requires 36 hours beyond the B.A. See the *English Graduate Student Handbook* for further clarification of requirements.

1. **Thesis:** M.A. students with a concentration in professional writing will complete a thesis project, a professional portfolio with a theoretical introduction

2. **General coursework and degree requirements:** The following are required of all M.A. students:

- 30 hours coursework
- 15 hours of 5/600-level courses, including 501 and 596
- 6 hours thesis work, English 599

(a) English 500/Professional Colloquium (zero hours); English 596/Research Methods

(b) M.A. students must take 3 hours of coursework from Rhetoric and 3 hours of coursework from Linguistics.

(c) M.A. teaching assistants should enroll in English 501 in their second semester and English 509 in their third and fourth semesters.

(d) *Courses specific to the concentration:* Students concentrating in professional writing must complete the following courses: Professional Writing (472), Professional Editing (473), Document Design (474), Special Projects in Professional Writing (462), Professional Writing Practicum (463).

4. **Candidacy and other requirements:** After passing 12 hours of graduate coursework, complete and submit candidacy form to the Graduate School. The form is available online from the Graduate School webpage. Students must pass a reading knowledge foreign language exam. See the *English Graduate Student Handbook* for specific guidelines.

Application to candidacy:	
Foreign Language Exam	
Thesis Defense	

5. **Transfer Credit:** With the approval of the department and the Graduate School, students may transfer up to 12 hours of graduate credit towards the M.A., provided these hours do not exceed one third of the total hours. Only 6 hours of 400-level graduate courses from non-degree courses may be transferred.

Table of Courses

If applicable, please note transfer credits in the Notes column with the original course taken. Please also note that at least 15 of your course hours for the M.A. must be at the 5/600 level, including 501 and 596.

Students on assistantship are required to be enrolled in 501 and 509. English 509 will not count towards total credit hours, but is required the last two semesters for M.A. students on assistantship.

Requirement	Course Taken	Sem	Grade	Credit	Notes
English 500/Professional Colloquium				0	
English 596/Research Methods					
*English 501					
*English 509					
Professional Writing (472)					
Professional Editing (473)					
Document Design (474)					
Special Projects in Professional Writing (462)					
Professional Writing Practicum (463)					
Elective: Rhetoric					
Elective: Linguistics					
Elective:					
Elective:					
Thesis: English 599 (6 hours)					