



## ENGLISH - TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

### *College of Humanities and Social Sciences*

#### OVERVIEW

Technical communication classes will teach you to communicate ideas and information effectively. We typically study how people communicate at work and we focus upon making documents that are clear, concise, accurate, thorough, and easy for the audience to use.

All degrees and certificates in technical communication may be completed entirely online, although general education courses necessary for the undergraduate degree are typically not available online. Students who are 100% online learners pay Minnesota resident tuition rather than the higher non-resident rate.

#### DEGREES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

##### Degrees:

Technical Communication, Bachelor of Science (BS)  
 Technical Communication, Certificate  
 Interdisciplinary Communications, Minor  
 Technical Communication, Minor  
 Health Communication, Minor  
 Technical Communication, Master of Science (MS)  
 Technical Communication, Graduate Certificate

##### Careers:

Our Technical Communication programs prepare students to be professional information developers, technical or professional writers, and editors who are skilled at using the written and spoken word, along with visuals, to effectively inform and instruct a wide range of audiences. Graduates typically pursue work in industry, teaching opportunities, or doctoral studies.

#### QUALITY OF OUR PROGRAM

##### Faculty:

All full-time faculty have terminal degrees. They regularly win grants and publish scholarly books and articles and creative work. They also edit journals, serve on journal, industry, and academic organization advisory boards, and engage with the community in a variety of ways.

#### STUDENT EXPERIENCE

##### Faculty/Student Ratio:

The faculty/student ratio is approximately 1:20.

##### Chapters/Organizations:

Students have the opportunity to join a variety of student organizations at the undergraduate and graduate level that build community and enrich the educational experience.

- » Sigma Tau Delta, English Honor Society: Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies.
- » Graduate Scholars of English Association (GSEA): The purpose of this organization is to unify the body of graduate students and scholars within the Teaching English as a Second Language, Technical Communications, Literature, English Studies, and Writing Certificate fields to create a more creative, academic, and peer-focused community. The general emphasis of this graduate student organization is to foster, provide, and expand scholarly and professional development for graduate students.

##### Department Publications:

Our students have the opportunity to have their work featured in various publications through our department.

- » Blue Earth Review: *Blue Earth Review* is Minnesota State University, Mankato's literary magazine. Before being wholly revamped and renamed in 2003, BER was published under such titles as *Medicine Jug*, *The Muse*, and *Minnesota River Review*.
- » The Corresponder: *The Corresponder* was founded over 30 years ago by Minnesota State University professor Robert C. Wright as a means of celebrating the achievement of Minnesota writers. It continues today as a biannual review of new books of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and selected works in other areas.
- » Maverick Messenger: *The Maverick Messenger* is a student-run newsletter featuring articles on technology, cross-culture communication, web design, career advancement, and much more. This award-winning newsletter is recognized by the Society of Technical Communication.
- » Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies: *Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies* is a peer-reviewed, online journal committed to publishing insightful and innovative scholarship on gender studies and nineteenth-century British literature, art, and culture. The journal is a collaborative effort that brings together scholars from a variety of universities to create a unique voice in the field.

**Study Abroad:**

Our students can take advantage of the many study abroad programs through the Kearney International Center, some of which allow students to pay the tuition rate of their home institution, thus reducing the study abroad costs. We offer faculty-led study abroad opportunities to Costa Rica and England and we also have partnerships with universities abroad including Queen's University in Belfast in Northern Ireland, Han University Arnhem in Netherlands, and University of Applied Sciences in Germany.

**Scholarships:**

The department awards scholarships to returning students based on academic merit and need.

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**SAMPLE CURRICULUM (TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION, BS)**

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
ENG 101 (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)	General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4) General Education Course (4)	ENG 271W: Technical Communication (4) Elective Course in Minor (4) Other Graduation Requirements Course (4) Other Graduation Requirements Course (4)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
ENG 474W: Research and Writing Tech Reports (4) Elective Course in Major (4) Elective Course in Minor (4) Other Graduation Requirements Course (4)	ENG 477W: Tech Documentation, Policies, and Procedures (4) Elective Course in Major (4) Elective Course in Minor (4) Elective Course in Minor (4)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
ENG 498: Internship (4) Elective Course in Major (4) Elective Course in Minor (4) Other Graduation Requirements Course (4)	ENG 475: Editing Technical Publications (4) Elective Course in Major (4) Elective Course in Major (4)

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