

MINOR AND CORE CONCENTRATION

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC WRITING

Students who minor in Professional and Public Writing learn to write for a variety of audiences including those in the academic, public, and professional realm. Minors gain in-depth knowledge of the writing process and learn to see writing as both an individual and collaborative enterprise. Consisting of a wide range of courses, the minor offers students opportunities to write technical documents, grants, travel narratives, and more. Paired with your chosen major, a writing minor will help you write better in your other courses and prepare you to write successfully after college.



- + Do you want your writing to make positive changes in the world?
- + Do you want to improve your written communication skills to help you excel in other fields such as law or the sciences?
- + Do you want to learn to express your ideas clearly and engage your readers?

CAREER OUTLOOK

Studying **Professional and Public Writing** is beneficial for a career as a/an...

- Lawyer
- Travel Writer
- Educator
- Technical Writer
- Web Content Producer
- Blogger
- Editor
- Community Advocate
- Grant Writer

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

“Because we do so many memorable projects in the minor, I can pinpoint projects and create a portfolio that I am proud to showcase.”

Cara James '17,
Program manager at Ocean World School

“I'm definitely a stronger writer now, and I do think of myself as a writer. When I start my career, I'll be able to look back on the minor as something that's really helped me.”

Nicholas Dillon '17,
Special investigator II at Perspecta

YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Learn and Do More at RWU

With a focus on experiential learning at RWU, Professional and Public Writing minors can:

- Partner with local non-profit agencies on research and writing projects.
- Explore local and distant sites through travel writing.
- Create a portfolio to showcase skills to future employers.

CURRICULUM

Faculty

Students who minor or concentrate in this program take: How Writing Works, two writing courses at the 200 level or above, two writing courses at the 300 level or above, and one writing course at the 400 level.

Courses Include

- Writing for Social Change
- Writing about Health
- Grant and Proposal Writing
- Advanced Composition
- Multimodal Rhetoric in the Public Sphere
- Writing as Inquiry
- Rhetoric of Film
- Art of the Essay
- Writing the City
- Writing about Technology
- Advanced Writing in the Sciences
- Rhetoric of Narrative
- Writing for Business Organizations
- Technical Writing
- Feminist Rhetorics
- Rhetoric in a Global Context
- Environmental Writing
- Writing for Business Organizations
- Advancing Public Argument

**OVER 80%
OF STUDENTS
GRADUATE WITH
MORE THAN
ONE MAJOR**

Professional and Public Writing pairs well with any major. Current and past students majored in the following:

- Finance
- Marketing
- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Biology
- Legal Studies
- Web Development
- Political Science
- Economics
- Management
- Public Relations