

ENGLISH (BA) - PROFESSIONAL WRITING CONCENTRATION

Program Overview

The Department of English provides graduates with the essential foundations of critical thinking, reading, and writing skills. English majors often engage in undergraduate research projects, presenting conference papers at local, regional, and national conferences, and publishing work in peer-reviewed journals. Our award-winning student literary journal, *Arden*, and the D. L. Jordan Endowment for Creative Writing provide students opportunities to gain editing and publishing experience as undergraduates. English-Professional Writing majors are also encouraged to participate in experiential learning activities, including internships and study abroad.

The BA in English-Professional Writing track prepares students for writing careers in business or industry. The track offers courses in technical writing, news writing, business writing, and writing for digital media. Internships with Columbus-area organizations provide students with valuable hands-on experience. Professional writing students develop strong skills in electronic research, writing, layout, web design, and editing.

Career Opportunities

In addition to pursuing traditional careers in the discipline—like teaching, library science, journalism, and creative writing—our graduates succeed in business, law, and medicine. Our majors also pursue graduate degrees in English, creative writing, rhetoric, and technical communication.