



The Department of
Writing and Rhetoric

Writing and Rhetoric Concentration

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About

As an interdisciplinary program with courses primarily from the Departments of English and Communication, the Program in Writing and Rhetoric offers students opportunities to gain significant knowledge of the rhetorical framework constituting professional, aesthetic and everyday writing. The program will allow students who want to pursue study in writing and communication to do so in a focused and comprehensive way with examination of the theoretical, historical, and philosophical aspects of these disciplines.

CONCENTRATION: Writing & Rhetoric (24 credits)

In keeping with the English Department's focus on literary texts, the notion of rhetoric informing the Concentration includes textual analysis as well as the more traditional uses of the term, thus bringing the wisdom and imagination of literary discourse into the Concentration. Such a focus on literary texts also underscores the well-known correlation between reading well and writing well. Furthering the Communication Department's focus on orality and persuasion, the Concentration will allow students to develop rhetorically complex understandings of audiences and master of the skills necessary to adapt the written and oral messages for identified audiences.

Program Notes:

- Courses that fulfill minor requirements may be used to fulfill other requirements (i.e., primary major, core curriculum, minors, concentrations, or free electives).
- Also required: A Grammar, Style and Punctuation Exam by the end of their first semester of work towards the minor, students will have studied for and passed a self-administered WebCT exam covering principles of Standard Edited English, a style sheet as that of the Associated Press, and other rules of grammar, punctuation, and mechanics.
- Non-Credit bearing internships may fulfill the One Practicum Course requirement if they involve a substantial amount of writing. The internship must be approved by the Director of the Writing and Rhetoric Program.
- Some study abroad courses may count towards completion of the concentration. Consult with the program director for approval.

Required Concentration Courses:

Course	Title	Credits
	Writing Practice Elective for the Concentration	9
	Composition/Rhetorical/Critical Theory Elective for the Concentration	6
	Writing Practicum Elective	3
	Upper-Level English Lit	3
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