Professional and Public Writing-BA THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND FALL 2025-SPRING 2026 120 Credits Total

30-51 Credits in Major

ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC WRITING DEGREE:

The BA program in Professional and Public Writing offers a technology-infused curriculum that prepares students for today's workforce. Our program trains writers to produce various forms, such as podcasts, social media, proposals, digital stories, virtual reality productions, websites, technical documents, blogs, and videos. In small classes, you will work closely with leading-edge scholars, teachers, and industry experts on real-world projects that hone your writing, design, and production skills, as well as your ability to negotiate and persuade, collaborate, and solve problems.

STEP 1:

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Major Requirements:

Course	Semester	Credits	Grade
WRT 104		3	
WRT 235		4	
WRT 371G		4	
WRT 495		4	
WRT			

Students may choose to pursue an optional concentration by completing 9 credits in one of the following concentrations:

Technical Writing: WRT 306, 332, 334, 477, 533

Professional and Civic Writing: WRT 227, 235, 302, 303, 305, 321G, 331, 388, 404

Professional and Public Writing majors are strongly encouraged to complete a practicum experience such as an internship (WRT 477) or field experience course (WRT 383 or 385). A maximum of 3 credits of each of these may be counted toward the major.

Undergraduates wishing to complete 500-level courses must secure permission from the instructor.

Fifteeen (15) credits for the major must be chosen from writing courses numbered at the 300-level or above.

30 credits at the 300-level or higher (major and general education courses may fulfill this requirement)

Credits		Course	Credits
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Free elective credits (to meet the 120 credits required for graduation):

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GENERAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES: General education is 40 credits. Each of the twelve outcomes (A1-D1) must be met by at least 3 credits. A single course may meet more than one outcome, but cannot be double counted towards the 40 credit total. At least one course must be a Grand Challenge (G). No more than twelve credits can have the same course code (note- HPR courses may have more than 12 credits). General education courses may also be used to meet requirements of the major or minor when appropriate.

<u>STEP 2:</u>

At least 40 credits, no more than 12 credits with the same course code. Course Cr. Course Cr. Total Gen Ed credits 40

General Education Outcome	Audit				
General Education Outcome	Course				
KNOWLEDGE					
A1. STEM					
A2. Social & Behavioral Sciences					
A3. Humanities					
A4. Arts & Design					
COMPETENCIES					
B1. Write effectively					
B2. Communicate effectively					
B3. Mathematical, statistical, or					
computational strategies					
B4. Information literacy					
RESPONSIBILITIES					
C1. Civic knowledge &					
responsibilities					
C2. Global responsibilities					
C3. Diversity and Inclusion					
INTEGRATE & APPLY					
D1. Ability to synthesize					
GRAND CHALLENGE					
G. Check that at least one course of					
your 40 credits is an approved "G"					
course					

SEE OPPOSITE SIDE FOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE: This worksheet sheet is a snapshot of your entire curriculum. You must work with your advisor each term to discuss requirements to keep you on course for timely progress to complete this major. Official requirements for graduation are listed in the University Catalog.

Please note: Both major and cumulative GPA must be 2.00 or higher in order to graduate.