

Emphasis - Professional Writing

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B.A. in Rhetoric, Writing & Speech Comm Description

Rhetoric is both a classical and modern subject, one that influences and shapes all forms of human communication. While pursuing the B.A. in rhetoric, writing, and speech communication, students will develop skills in persuasion, critical thinking, professional writing, and speaking. The program focuses on the humanistic study of rhetoric and emphasizes practical lessons and applications grounded in theory. Students may select an optional emphasis in Professional Writing or Speech Communication. Graduates will be prepared for advanced study in law, business, education, civil service, and other fields. They will also be prepared for professional positions in publishing, grant writing, and communication. An ideal double major, the B.A. in rhetoric, writing, and speech communication complements many degrees on campus.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120

General Education Requirements

See the [College of Liberal Arts' General Education/Core Requirements](#).

Course Requirements

The B.A. in rhetoric, writing, and speech communication, requires 33 credit hours, including:

- Spch 102 or 105;
- Spch 305 or 314;
- Writ 220, 250, and 300;
- and 18 hours of Rhet, Spch, and Writ electives at the 200 level or higher. Up to 3 of those 18 hours may be MCOM courses at the 200-level or higher.

Only one Writ 398 or 399 course may count toward the major. Students may choose to specialize by using their Spch and Writ electives to add an optional emphasis in professional writing or speech communication, which requires a minimum of three courses from the approved list for the emphasis. The same course may not complete the required courses and an emphasis area. The overall degree requirements remain the same. Students may complete both emphases.

Other Academic Requirements

A minimum grade of C is required in all speech and writing courses applied by a student toward the major.

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For the emphasis in Professional Writing students complete three courses from the following list:

- Writ 210. Rhetoric I: Foundations to 1650
- Writ 301. Responding to Writers
- Writ 310. Writing in Professional Contexts
- Writ 320. Technical Writing
- Writ 340. Contemporary Writing Studies
- Writ 345. Community Writing
- Writ 350. Writing for Digital Media
- Writ 360. Document Design
- Writ 370. Editing and Proofreading
- Writ 380. Scientific Writing
- Writ 398. Topics in Writing Studies on Location
- Writ 399. Special Topics
- Writ 410. Grant Writing
- Writ 440. Writing for Accountancy

Degree Requirements

The academic regulations for this degree program, as entered in the University of Mississippi Catalog, are in effect for the current or selected academic year and semester. The University of Mississippi reserves the right to 1) change or withdraw courses; 2) change rules for registration, instruction, and graduation; and 3) change other regulations affecting the student body at any time.

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General Education {#Major-Rhetoric,WritingandSpeechCom_GeneralEducation}

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
First Year Writing I	3	Complete Hon 101 , Writ 100 or Writ 101 with a passing grade.
First Year Writing II	3	Complete one of the following courses with a passing grade: Liba 102 , Writ 102 or Hon 102 .
6 hrs literature survey	6	Complete 6 hours of literature survey with a passing grade. Choose from the following courses: Eng 220 , 221 , 222 , 223 , 224 , 225 , or Eng 226 .



REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
6 hrs modern/ancient language 200+	6	Successfully complete at least 6 hours at the 200 level or above in one modern or ancient language.
6 hrs history	6	Complete 6 hours in History (HST) course work with a passing grade.
3 hrs humanities	3	African American studies; classical civilization; environmental studies 101, gender studies (G St 201 , 301 , 333 , 350); Liba 202 , 305 , 312 ; philosophy; religion; Southern studies (S St 101 , 102); Rhet 201 . In addition, gender studies courses that are cross-listed with African American studies, classical civilization, English, modern languages, philosophy, or religion courses will satisfy this requirement.
6 hrs social science	6	Successfully complete 6 semester hours in anthropology, economics, political science, psychology, or sociology.
3 hrs fine arts	3	Complete 3 hours in the area of fine or performing arts. Choose from art history, music, dance, and theatre arts. Studio and workshop courses cannot be used to satisfy this requirement. Acceptable freshman or sophomore-level courses are: AH 101 , AH 102 , AH 201 , AH 202 ; Music 101, Music 102, Music 103, Music 104, Music 105; Dance 200; Theatre 201 and 202
3 hrs math 100+	3	Successfully complete 3 hours of Math at the 100 level or above except for Math 245 and Math 246 .
9-12 hrs science	9	Complete a full year of science course work in one subject area (6-8 hrs) and complete 3 credit hours in a subject area from another department. Courses may be chosen from the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering, or Physics and Astronomy.
2 associated science labs	2	Successfully complete at least two science laboratory courses.
Astr & Phys Can't be used together		

Major Requirements {#Major-Rhetoric,WritingandSpeechCom_MajorRequirements}

REQUIREMENT	HOURS	DESCRIPTION
Spch 102 or 105	3	Complete Spch 102 or 105 with a grade of C or better.
Spch 305 or 314	3	Complete Spch 305 or Spch 314 with a grade of C or better.
Writ 220	3	Complete Writ 220 with a grade of C or better.
Writ 250	3	Complete Writ 250 with a grade of C or better.
Writ 300	3	Complete Writ 300 with a grade of C or better.
18 hrs Spch & Writ at 200+	18	Complete 18 hrs of Rhet, Spch, and Writ electives at the 200 level or higher. Up to 3 of those 18 hours may be MCOM courses at the 200-level or higher.
Rhetoric Residency hrs	12	Student must earn at least 12 hours of their major courses in residence.
Resident Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.
Overall Major GPA		Please contact your academic advisor for grade point requirements.

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3 Writ courses	9	Complete 3 courses with a grade of C or better chosen from the following courses: Writ 210 , 301 , 310 , 320 , 340 , 345 , 350 , 360 , 370 , 380 , 398 , 399 , 410 , and Writ 440 .

