

PWTC COURSES

All courses are 3 credits. English 379 and English 380 are offered in the fall semesters while English 381, English 382, and English 391c are offered in the spring semesters. Students must be a junior or senior and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be enrolled in the PWTC program.

ENG 379: INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL WRITING

This class teaches you the basics of Professional Writing. It focuses on technicalities of writing like style and grammar as well as résumé building. Prerequisite is English 112 (or equivalent).

Software used: MS Powerpoint, W.E.B. DuBois Databases

Major Projects:

- Research Project
- Group Presentation
- Mock Grant Proposal

ENGLISH 380: INTERMEDIATE TECHNICAL WRITING

This class focuses on Technical Writing, specifically modular documentation. The production of the final project is a semester long process including planning, writing, editing, user-testing, and professional printing and binding. English 379 must be taken prior to or during the same as English 380.

Software used: MS Word

Major Projects:

- 30-35 page MS Word Manual
- Group Demo

ENGLISH 381: ADVANCED TECHNICAL WRITING I

This course builds upon the skills learned in English 380 in order to improve students' level of organization as well as written and graphical talent. The specific software covered is currently used in fields students may enter upon graduation. English 380 must be taken prior to taking this course.

Software used: InDesign, Adobe Robohelp, Adobe Framemaker

Major Projects:

- Collaborative PWTC Handbook
- Group Demo

ENGLISH 382: ADVANCED TECHNICAL WRITING II

This class functions as the "capstone" course for the PWTC program, and is therefore geared towards seniors. This course encourages students to choose a specific area they may want to specialize in. There will be mock interviews, alumni visits, portfolio workshops and more. English 381 must be taken prior to or simultaneously with this course.

Major Project:

- Independent Project of Student's Choice

ENGLISH 391C: ADVANCED SOFTWARE FOR PROF. WRITERS

Focusing specifically on print and web design, this class is the most software-heavy of all five. All of the work completed for this course is showcased in an online portfolio each student creates for his or herself. Upon completion of this course, students will be fluent in use of HTML.

Software used: Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Flash, Adobe

Major Projects:

- Online Portfolio
- Proto-Site