Minor in Writing Studies

Program Mission Statement
The Department of English offers a Writing Studies minor that is a useful complement to any major. This minor will provide students with the opportunity to develop and practice advanced writing skills in a variety of contexts, over several semesters; the competencies needed to be effective, confident, and versatile when facing writing challenges in the workplace; an understanding of the theoretical and historical foundations of written and digital communication. The Writing Studies minor is designed to accommodate students with a wide variety of writing interests, disciplinary majors, and professional goals.

Student Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to:

Content/Discipline-Specific Knowledge/Skills
- demonstrate an understanding of the theoretical and historical foundations of written and digital communication by discussing five concepts significant within writing studies, that is, within either creative writing or technical/professional writing or linguistics.

Communication Skills
- write effectively for the audience of the student’s discipline or profession; demonstrate effective style for the specific discipline or profession.

Critical Thinking Skills
- Formulate and advance an analysis of the student’s understanding of the theoretical and historical foundation of written and digital communication which is represented in the two portfolio texts; demonstrate effective analysis in reflection.

Assessment Approaches
Department faculty in writing studies-designated courses assess student learning using rubric scoring, objective testing, and holistic grading.