
Master of English Concentration in Technical and Professional Communication

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Currently, almost all of the courses for these post-baccalaureate programs are offered either as internet-campus (through ECU Department of English) or internet online (through ECU Continuing Studies). Even if a class is classified as "internet-campus" and offered through the English Department, it is normally web-based, totally or primarily online with one or just a few face-to-face classes. Students often do not need to move to the Greenville area. However, those living in the area can participate in face-to-face activities such as the frequently held technical and professional communication seminars and the ECU Student Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication functions. These programs at East Carolina University provide students with theoretical as well as practical knowledge of professional communication. They learn about the influence of emerging technologies, techniques, and processes on communication.

Courses: (non-thesis, 33 s.h.)

For both the non-thesis and thesis options, at least 18 s.h. must be at 6000 level. Also required are comprehensive exams as well as computer portfolio or foreign language. With approval of the Director of Graduate Studies, 6 s.h. of graduate courses may be taken in a discipline other than English and 6 s.h. of graduate courses from a masters degree-granting program may be transferred from another institution.

Required core (9 s.h.)

English 6730 Issues in technical communication (print and library research)
English 6701 Research methods (electronic research and evaluation of research)
Composition or linguistics course with English 6625 required for teaching assistants

Writing core (6 s.h.)

English 5770 Advanced editing
English 5780 Advanced writing for business and industry
English 6715 Technical writing
English 6740 Internship

Electives (12 s.h.)

English 6765 Special topics in technical and professional communication - - (topics such as persuasive communication, influence of computing on communication, and writing for the small screen)
English 6741 Internship
English courses as appropriate for each student's career path

Literature seminars, including any course that is not a writing course (6 s.h.)

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Thesis (3 s.h.) English 6695: Traditional, scholarly thesis or applied with theoretical base

Admission: Admission status requires an application form, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and GRE scores. If you encounter difficulties, contact Colleen Wilson at 252-328-1462 (wilsonco@mail.ecu.edu) or Joanne Cartwright at 252-328-6012 (cartwrightj@mail.ecu.edu). To register, please contact Sherry Southard at southards@mail.ecu.edu.