

PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR

Program Tracking Sheet

Effective for students entering AY 2024-2025

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor:	2 nd Major:

NOTES: Minimum total academic credit = 15 units

Residency Req.: Min. of 8 units must be completed at WPI

HUMANITIES AND ARTS (2 units)

All 5 HUA courses must be completed before beginning the Inquiry Seminar or Practicum.

Depth Component

Students must complete at least three thematically-related courses prior to the culminating Inquiry Seminar or Practicum in the same thematic area. At least one of the three courses should be at the 2000-level or above.

	Course	Term	Grade	Units
1				1/3
2				1/3
3				1/3
4	HU 3900 or HU 3910			1/3

Breadth Component

Students must take at least one course outside the grouping in which they complete their depth component. To identify breadth, courses are grouped in the following manner.

- i. art/art history, drama/theatre, and music (AR, EN/TH, MU);
- ii. foreign languages (AB, CN, EN, GN, SP);
- iii. literature and writing rhetoric (EN, WR, RH);
- iv. history and international studies (HI, HU, INTL);
- v. philosophy and religion (PY, RE).

Exception: May take all six courses in a foreign language

5				1/3
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Humanities Elective

6				1/3
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WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (4 WPE classes = 1/3 unit)

7				1/12
				1/12
				1/12
				1/12

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2/3 unit) ECON, ENV, GOV, PSY, SD, SOC, SS, STS, DEV, and ID2050

8				1/3
9				1/3

THE INTERACTIVE QUALIFYING PROJECT (1 unit)

10				1/3
11				1/3
12				1/3

FREE ELECTIVES (1 unit)

13				1/3
14				1/3
15				1/3

SCIENTIFIC AND/OR TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION (6 units)

(Note 1)

16				1/3
17				1/3
18				1/3
19				1/3
20				1/3
21				1/3
22				1/3
23				1/3
24				1/3
25				1/3

26				1/3
27				1/3
28				1/3
29				1/3
30				1/3
31				1/3
32				1/3
33				1/3

WRITING AND RHETORIC CONCENTRATION (3 units)

(Note 2)

34				1/3
35				1/3
36				1/3
37				1/3
38				1/3
39				1/3
40				1/3
41				1/3
42				1/3

MAJOR QUALIFYING PROJECT (1 unit)

(Note 3)

43				1/3
44				1/3
45				1/3

Notes:

1. The student's scientific and/or technical concentration must be a plan of study, approved by the student's program review committee, with a clear underlying rationale in mathematics, basic science, computer science, engineering, and/or business
2. The Writing and Rhetoric concentration consists of 3 units from the 2 following categories .
 - a. **Writing and Rhetoric (2 units)** from any of the existing WR courses or equivalent ISUs . This must include WR 3112: Rhetorical Theory unless a substitution is authorized by the student's program review committee, which will be granted only under unusual circumstances . No more than one course at the 1000-level can be applied, and students must complete at least one 4000-level course in WR .
 - b. **Electives (1 unit)**
 The 1 unit of electives must be coherently defined and approved by the student's program review committee . Students may draw on:
 Courses in Writing and Rhetoric not used to fulfill the above 2 units requirement;
 Courses in science, technology, and culture studies (such as AR/ID 3150, CS 3041, CS 3043, EN 2252, HI 2334, HI 2402, HI 3331, HI 3333, HI 3334, IMGD 2000, IMGD 2001, GOV 2302, PSY 2406);
 Philosophy and ethics courses (such as PY 2711, PY 2713, PY 2714, PY 2716, PY 2717, PY/RE 2731, PY/RE 3731);
 Foreign language courses;
 Business courses (such as BUS 2080, BUS 3010, BUS 4030, OBC 3354, OIE 3420, OBC 4366, MIS 3720, MIS 3740, MIS 4781) .
3. The MQP should build on the student's scientific and technical concentration while articulating a problem within professional writing.