PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR
Program Tracking Sheet
Effective for students entering AY 2025-2026

Name:	Class Year:
Advisor:	2nd Major:

<u>NOTES</u>: 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. The Humanities and Arts Department will accept a maximum of 1/3 unit of AP credit towards the Humanities and Arts requirement.

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, TH, MU);
ii. modern languages (AB, CN, ISE, GN, SP);
iii. literature and writing rhetoric (EN, WR);
iv. history, humanities, and international and global studies (HI, HU, INTL);
v. philosophy and religion (PY, RE).
Exception: May take all six courses in a modern language.

5				1/3

Humanities Elective

6				1/3

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, MIS 3010, MKT 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.

4-year Plan Template

Name:		Class Year:	
Advisor(s):		Major(s)/Minor(s):	

Year 1					
	A-term	**B-term**	**C-term**	**D-term**	**E-term** (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 2					
	A-term	**B-term**	**C-term**	**D-term**	**E-term** (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 3					
	A-term	**B-term**	**C-term**	**D-term**	**E-term** (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes:

Year 4					
	A-term	**B-term**	**C-term**	**D-term**	**E-term** (optional)
Course 1					
Course 2					
Course 3					
Course 4 (optional)					

Notes: