

San Francisco State University 2016-2017 Bulletin

B.A. English: *Technical Writing Major* – 120 Total Units Required

Minimum number of units in the Major = 45

1st Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Area A: Oral Communication (A1) or Critical Thinking (A3)		3
Area A: Written English Communication I (A2)	A2 or ENG 104	3
Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4)		3
Area C: Arts (C1)		3
Area D: Social Sciences: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3)		3

* To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet **LLD and SFSU Studies** requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major **Total: 15**

* ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select English 114; if you choose 104/105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses

2nd Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Area A: Written English Communication II (A4) or Written English Communication I (A2)	A4 or ENG 105	3
Area A: Critical Thinking (A3) or Oral Communication (A1)		3
Area B: Physical Science (B1) and Laboratory Science (B3)*		3-4
Complementary Studies or SF Studies or University Elective	Take 2	6

* Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if requirement has not already been met.

Total: 15-16

3rd Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3)*		3-4
Area C: Literature (C3)		3
Area D: Social Sciences (D1)		3
Complementary Studies or SF Studies or University Elective	Take 2	6

* Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if requirement has not already been met.

Total: 15-16

4th Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Area C: Arts (C1) or Humanities (C2)		3
Area D: Social Sciences: U.S. History (D2) or U.S. and California Government (D3)		3
Complementary Studies or SF Studies or University Elective	Take 3	9

Total: 15

5th Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Major Core: Fundamentals of Technical and Professional Writing (ENG 214 or equivalent with a C or better)	TPW 400GW	3
Major Skill Elective (15 units total) (see note)	Take 2	6
Major Subject Matter Focus (15 units total) (see note)		3
Upper Division GE: UD-B (consider SF studies course)		3

* You must take at least one GWAR (GW) course.

Total: 15

6th Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Major Core: Professional Editing (ENG 214 or equivalent with a C or better)	TPW 550	3
Major Skill Elective (15 units total) (see note)		6
Major Subject Matter Focus (15 units total) (see note)		3
Concentration Electives (select 4 total): chosen with approval of advisor		3
Upper Division GE: UD-C (consider SF studies course)		3

Total: 15

7th Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Major Core: Visual Rhetoric and Document Design (ENG 214 or equivalent with a C or better)	TPW 555	3
Major Skill Elective (15 units total) (see note)		3
Major Subject Matter Focus (15 units total) (see note)	Take 2	6
Upper Division GE: UD-D (consider SF studies course)		3

Total: 15

8th Semester Requirements

Requirement	Recommended Courses	Units
Major Core: Individual and Team Writing (ENG 214 or equivalent with a C or better)	TPW 600	3
Major Culminating Experience: Internship in Technical and Professional Writing (five TPW core or skill elective courses include TPW 400, TPW 550, TPW 555)	TPW 695	3
Major Skill Elective (15 units total) (see note)		3
Major Subject Matter Focus (15 units total) (see note)		3
Studies or SF Studies or University Elective		3

Total: 15

Note: Skills Electives (15 units)

Select a minimum of 6 units from the list below and 9 additional units either from the list below or from interdisciplinary courses approved by your TPW advisor. Note: Skills electives cannot be from the department chosen for the subject matter focus.

TPW 200 Writing Practices in Professional Contexts

TPW 470 Writing Professional Promotions

TPW 480 Writing Technical Documentation

TPW 490 Grantwriting

TPW 585 Technical Writing Online

TPW 600 Individual and Team Writing (elective for minor/certificate only)

TPW 685 Projects in the Teaching of Technical and Professional Writing

Optional interdisciplinary course work typically would cover applied writing or editing; linguistics; organizational communication; graphic design and production; multimedia or computer tools; foreign language for business; or special topics related to workplace writing.

Subject Matter Focus (15 units)

Select a single one of the tracks below and complete 15 units according to the instructions. Note: All focus courses must be 200-level or above, with at least 9 units at 300-level or above.

Communications Track Options

Courses selected from any single one of these departments:

- Communication Studies
- Foreign Languages
- Journalism
- Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts
- Design and Industry
- Instructional Technologies

Technical Track Options

Courses selected from any single department in the College of Science and Engineering, any single department in the College of Business, or any single TPW advisor-approved department in the College of Health and Social Sciences.

Interdisciplinary Track Options

Courses selected to fit a customized concentration (based on an independently developed theme or on an existing interdisciplinary program) that is approved by the TPW advisor as relevant for technical or professional writing. (Examples: Arts Administration, Multimedia, Environmental Studies).

Note: Complementary Studies

Twelve units of complementary studies are required of all candidates in any of the four concentrations (Literature, Linguistics, English Education and Individual Major) in the Bachelor of Arts degree in English. These units must come from courses bearing a prefix other than ENG, and must not be cross-listed with ENG. English majors will be offered four pathways for satisfying this requirement; each pathway is designed to facilitate graduation in a timely manner.

Foreign Language: 12 units in a single foreign language;

2nd Major / Minor / Certificate: 12 units of course work taken as part of a second major, a minor or a certificate;

Study Abroad: 12 units of course work taken in an approved study abroad program (such as CSU Study Abroad);

Related Subjects: 12 units of course work in related disciplines with the approval of a English Department advisor.

Related subjects typically include (but are not limited to) Comparative and World Literature, Classics, Creative Writing, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Languages, History, Journalism, and Women and Gender Studies. For this option, 6 units must be from classes in a non-literary related field.

Depending on concentration within the major, CS pathway, and with approval of a departmental advisor, up to 12 units from courses with non-ENG prefixes that count towards the Complementary Studies requirement may also count as English electives in fulfillment of Major requirements.