

Technical Communication Minor

The Technical Communication Minor supplements OIT technical degrees and provides advanced training and experience in communication skills. The minor offers specialized communication courses in such varied areas as proposal and grant writing, documentation development, and technical editing.

Students who have performed above-average work in their lower-division communication courses are encouraged to enroll in the program. For further information on enrollment, contact any Communication Department faculty member.

Career Opportunities

The Technical Communication Minor will enhance students' flexibility as their careers develop. Employers in private industry, governmental agencies, and research facilities seek a unique combination of skills. First, employers know that the major coursework at OIT prepares students well. Second, the Technical Communication Minor courses build skills in project development, manual writing and editing, computer-aided writing and publishing, oral presentations, and interviewing skills that complement technical education.

Even if students choose not to work as technical writers or editors, the Technical Communication Minor may increase job opportunities and professional advancement.

Requirements of the Minor

In addition to the general education requirements in communication, Technical Communication Minor students take four upper-division courses (12 units). Students take two required core courses and choose two electives from the list below. Students must earn a "C" or better in all courses to complete the minor.

Required Courses

COM 301 Rhetorical Theory and Application
WRI 328 Technical Journalism

Elective Courses

COM 365 Electronic Communication and Society
COM 415 Developing Effective Multimedia-based Presentations
WRI 350 Documentation Development
WRI 410 Proposal and Grant Writing
WRI 415 Technical Editing
WRI 420 Document Design