

Writing, Certificate

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Writing well is essential for success in many careers today. Learn to write for multiple purposes, audiences and genres, while choosing courses and emphases that align with your interests and goals.

Description

In the writing certificate program offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts, students write for specific purposes and consider how writing is used in careers.

In the core course, students cultivate visual and multimodal literacies so they are prepared to respond to new writing situations with flexibility, creativity and resourcefulness. Students complete two electives in a focus area such as food and travel, science and the environment, mentoring writers, online publishing, or another area of writing in support of their professional or personal interests. An internship provides opportunities for students to gain practical, hands-on skills; for example, they might serve as writing mentors in the Writers' Studio or be involved with publishing and promoting Superstition Review, an online literary magazine established in 2008. Finally, in the capstone course for this program, students assemble a portfolio of their best work, design and carry out a new applied project, and connect what they have learned in the program to potential careers.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Polytechnic](#)

Program requirements

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This certificate requires 15 credit hours. Students complete four upper-division writing courses (12 credit hours). At least three of the courses must be offered by the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts. In addition, students must complete a capstone course (three credit hours) at the end of their program. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in all courses.

Core Requirements -- 6 credit hours

[ENG 446: Visual Narratives \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[ENG 484: Internship](#) (3)

Writing Focus Electives (select two courses) -- 6 credit hours

Suggested pairings are below.

Students may work in consultation with their advisor to develop a two-course focus area in support of their professional or personal interests in writing.

Writing about Science and the Environment:

[ENG 378: Environmental Creative Nonfiction \(HUAD OR HU\)](#) (3)

[HST 482: Writing and the History of Science, Ideas and Technology](#) (3)

Food and Travel Writing:

[ENG 379: Travel Writing](#) (3)

[ENG 394: Writing About Food](#) (3)

Mentoring Writers:

[ENG 480: Methods of Teaching English: Composition \(L\)](#) (3)

[ENG 482: Methods of Teaching English: Language \(L\)](#) (3)

Online Publishing:

[ENG 301: Writing for the Professions \(L\)](#) (3)

[ENG 394: Superstition Review Training](#) (3)

Other elective courses may be considered in consultation with an academic advisor.

Capstone -- 3 credit hours

[ENG 498: Pro-Seminar \(L\)](#) (3)

Notes: Students must complete at least three hours of ENG 498 Pro-Seminar at the end of their program. Students will work closely with faculty on their writing portfolio and applied project.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students and professionals can advance their career options with an undergraduate writing certificate. Graduates who have combined the certificate in writing with their major program of study may be more marketable to employers.

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