

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC WRITING MINOR

Banner Code: CPW

4200 Horizon Hall
Fairfax Campus

This minor foregrounds the public (or social) nature of writing and reimagines writing as a tool for dialog across difference, inclusion, coalition-building, activism, and advocacy. Integrating reading and writing assignments with the opportunity to carry out writing and research of value to community-based initiatives (such as those advocated by nonprofit organizations, neighborhood activists, and community advocates), this minor opens for undergraduate study how communities take shape around shared reading, writing, and “linguaging” practices within local, national, and/or global material context.

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor and students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00 For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 15

Students should be aware of the specific policies associated with this program, located on the Admissions & Policies tab.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 380	Introduction to Writing and Rhetoric	3
ENGH 382	Rhetoric of the Essay	3
Total Credits		6

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses from the following:		6

ENGH 396	Introduction to Creative Writing (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 492	Advanced Fiction Writing Workshop
Antiracism and Writing	
ENGH 351	Contemporary African American Literature
ENGH 362	Global Voices (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 337	Social Justice Consciousness and Action
INTS 374	Gender, Race, Sexuality, and Television
	or WMST 375 Gender, Race, Sexuality, and TV

INTS 434	Research for Social Change
INTS 436	Social Justice Education (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 438	Representations of Race (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 439	Genealogy of Black Feminist Thought
WMST 412	Race, Class, and LGBTQ Communities
Writing for the Environment	
COMM 433	Environmental Communication
INTS 410	Contemporary Health: Intersections in Science and Society (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 332	Business and Sustainability
INTS 334	Environmental Justice (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
Non-Profit Writing	
COMM 308	Writing for Public Relations
ENGH 484	RS: Writing Ethnography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
ENGH 489	Proposal Writing and Development
GOVT 319	Issues in Government and Politics
WMST 319	Gender, Health, and Culture in the United States
INTS 431	Principles of Fund Raising
INTS 331	The Nonprofit Sector (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 305	Conflict Resolution and Transformation
Writing, Social Justice, and Community	
COMM 465	Topics in Communication and Gender
COMM 326	Rhetoric of Social Movements and Political Controversy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
COMM 362	Argument and Public Policy (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
COMM 431	New Media and Democracy
ENGH 484	RS: Writing Ethnography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
GCH 376	Health Ethics, Leadership, and Advocacy
INTS 304	Social Movements and Community Activism (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
INTS 419	Youth Resistance and Advocacy
Public Writing and the Public Humanities	
COMM 309	Writing across the Media
COMM 370	Feature Writing
COMM 387	Special Topics in Journalism
COMM 433	Environmental Communication
ENGH 399	Creative Nonfiction Writing

ENGH 486	RS: Writing Nonfiction for the Public (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
HIST 389	Topics in U.S. History
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Total Credits	6

Capstone Course

Code	Title	Credits
ENGH 482	Community and Public Writing	3
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Total Credits	3	