

California State University, Long Beach

POLICY STATEMENT

April 6, 1983

Number: 83-03

File: Certificate

This curricular policy, recommended by the Academic Senate in its meeting of February 10, 1983, was approved by the President on March 31, 1983.

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN TECHNICAL  
AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

The Department of English offers the Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing to those students interested in pursuing careers in writing and editing. The application form for the Certificate Program may be obtained from the English Department Office.

Prerequisites for the Certificate Program

1. Consultation with an advisor in the Certificate Program Committee.
2. Upper-division or postbaccalaureate standing in the University with a grade point average of at least 2.75 overall.
3. Admission to a degree program in this University or possession of a degree from this or another accredited university.
4. Successful completion of English 317, Technical Writing, at this University with a letter grade of "C" or higher.

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General Requirements for the Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing

1. Baccalaureate degree which may be taken concurrently with the Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing.
2. A minimum of 24 units in courses approved for the Certificate Program at this University. A grade of "C" or higher is required for every course in the Certificate Program. One course may be taken Credit/No Credit.
3. Completion of a program of courses in Areas I through IV developed in consultation with a member of the Certificate Program Committee and approved by the Committee.
4. Development of a portfolio of reports written and edited by the student during enrollment in the Certificate Program for review and approval of the Committee. (See Area IV, Course Requirements.)

Course Requirements

Area I Report Forms (6 units)

English 417 - Proposal Writing  
English 418 - Manual Writing  
English 419 - Writing in Science and Technology

Area II Language Studies

A. 3-4 units from:

English 320 - English Grammar  
English 325 - Models of English Grammar  
English 421 - Structure of Modern English,  
Morphology and Syntax  
English 423 - Semantics

B. 3 units from:

Computer Studies 280  
Quantitative Systems 240, 242, and 243

Area III Exposition, Language, and Graphic Applications  
(9 units)

A. Applied Arts:

Industrial Education 341, 342, and 352  
Industrial Technology 300

B. Business:

Management 426  
Marketing 320 and 330  
Quantitative Systems 402

C. Education:

Instructional Media 300 and 441

D. Engineering:

Civil Engineering 305  
Mechanical Engineering 172

E. Fine Arts:

Art 307 and 309  
Theatre Arts 380

F. Humanities

English 283 - Science Fiction  
English 427 - Computers and Language Instruction  
English 498 - Science and Literature  
Speech 344  
Creative Writing - one course  
Literature - one upper-division course

G. Interdisciplinary Studies 376

H. Natural Sciences:

Biology 364 and 365

I. Social Sciences:

Anthropology 413  
Asian American Studies 320  
Psychology 438  
Sociology 485

Area IV Practical Writing (3-6 units)

- A. English 491 (1 or more units) - Applied Technical Writing
- B. English 492 A or B (2 or more units) - Internship in Technical and Professional Writing and Editing (A grade will not be assigned until portfolio is turned in. See Paragraph 4, General Requirements.)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

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