Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies - B.S.

The major in Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies focus on the humanistic study of writing and rhetoric in its various genres, contexts (social, historical, political), and media (print and digital, textual and visual). Students in the program study rhetoric and composition theory, practice writing in various forms (including professional and technical writing), and consider the emerging dynamics of digital composition.

120 hours (minimum)

Any student earning a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree must complete a minimum of 60 hours in natural, physical, mathematical, and computer science. Please note: courses with RUS and HIS prefixes are generally not accepted towards fulfilling this 60-hour requirement. Therefore, be sure to keep this requirement in mind as you choose your course work for the requirements in the major. A complete description of College requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree, including a specific listing of courses applicable to the 60-hour requirement, can be found in the Arts and Sciences section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin.

UK Core Requirements

See the UK Core section of the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity
Choose one course from approved list.................................................................3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities
Choose one course from approved list...............................................................3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences
Choose one course from approved list.............................................................3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences
Choose one course from approved list............................................................3

V. Composition and Communication I
CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I ........................................3

VI. Composition and Communication II
CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II ......................................3

VII. Quantitative Foundations
Choose one course from approved list.............................................................3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning
Choose one course from approved list............................................................3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA
Choose one course from approved list............................................................3

X. Global Dynamics
Choose one course from approved list..........................................................3

UK Core hours: ..................................................................................30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)
WRD 430 Advanced Workshop (Subtitle required).........................................3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)..........................3

College Requirements

I. Foreign Language......................................................................................0-14

II. Disciplinary Requirements
a. Natural Science......................................................................................6
b. Social Science.........................................................................................6
c. Humanities............................................................................................3

III. Laboratory or Field Work........................................................................3

IV. Race and Ethnicity Requirement.............................................................0-3

V. Electives..................................................................................................3

College Requirement hours: ......................................................................21-38

Major Requirements

Core Courses
WRD 300 Introduction to Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies.......................3
WRD 430 Advanced Workshop (Subtitle required).........................................3

Core Courses hours: .................................................................................6

Other Course Work Required for the Major

From the Major Department
Three hours of WRD courses at the 200-level or above..................................3
Twelve hours of WRD courses at the 300-level (excluding WRD 300).............12
Twelve hours of WRD courses at the 400-500 level (excluding WRD 430)....12

From Outside the Major Department
Choose 6 hours outside WRD at the 200+ level.

Total Major hours: ...................................................................................39

Electives
Free Electives..............................................................................................6

Elective hours:............................................................................................6

Total Minimum Hours
Required for Degree..................................................................................120

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