



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **Literacy and Rhetorical Studies Minor**

*Writing Studies Department*

**College of Liberal Arts**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

### **Contact Information:**

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- Program Type: Graduate free-standing minor
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2020
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

The goal of the literacy and rhetorical studies (LRS) minor is to encourage students to contribute to interdisciplinary activity and to create a forum for them and several dozen faculty members at the University whose research and teaching emphasize various facets of writing and communication. By crafting an individualized program of study with the LRS director of graduate studies (<http://writing.umn.edu/lrs/people.html>), including theory, pedagogy, and research, often in a historical context, students can complement their disciplinary degree, and thereby open up new perspectives for their scholarship and teaching.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

### **Special Application Requirements:**

For specific information about applying for the LRS minor, see: <http://writing.umn.edu/lrs/admission.html>

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

## **Program Requirements**

Use of 4xxx courses toward program requirements is permitted under certain conditions with adviser approval.

All courses are chosen in consultation with the LRS director of graduate studies.

## **Program Sub-plans**

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

### **Masters**

To ensure the minor is interdisciplinary, no more than one of the three courses may be from the student's home department.

Students must write a substantial paper that emerges from one of the three courses.

### **Literacy Theory or Practice**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

A course in literacy theory or practice, including pedagogy.

### **Research Methods and Practices**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

A course in research methods and practices in one of the areas of the minor.

**Historical Topic**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

A course about a historical topic (e.g., history of the book), of rhetoric or of literacy.

**Doctoral**

To ensure the minor is interdisciplinary, no more than two of the four courses may be from the student's home department.

To complete the doctoral minor, students must submit a capstone writing project emerging from their studies in literacy and/or rhetoric, such as a seminar paper or a completed dissertation chapter.

**Literacy Theory or Practice**

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A course in literacy theory or practice, including pedagogy.

**Research Methods and Practices**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

A course in research methods and practices in one of the areas of the minor.

**Historical Topic**

Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

A course about a historical topic (e.g., history of the book), of rhetoric or of literacy.

**Additional Coursework**

Take at least 3 credits to meet the 12-credit minimum for the doctoral minor, chosen in consultation with the LRS director of graduate studies.