



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

## **Rhetoric, Scientific and Technical Communication 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 minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2021
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 6
- 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 Graduate Minor in Rhetoric and Scientific & Technical Communication (RSTC) is available for masters and PhD-level students enrolled in other University graduate programs. Courses train students to understand how people use written communication (textual, digital, and visual) to shape the world around them, with a particular emphasis on communication in scientific and technical areas. The minor also offers students opportunities to pursue special interests in areas such as digital, textual, or visual literacies; theories of rhetoric; writing; composition; and writing pedagogies.

Tailored to students in research degree programs, the minor prepares students to integrate writing pedagogy into discipline-specific teaching practices, develop skills in rhetorical analysis, apply scientific and technical communication principles to the communication of scholarly work, and more. Students in graduate-level professional programs who are interested in applying basic theory and research-driven approaches to workplace contexts are encouraged to pursue the Scientific and Technical Communication Minor.

### **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

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

### **Prerequisites for Admission**

#### **Special Application Requirements:**

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Rhetoric, Science and Technical Communication director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

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 towards program requirements is not permitted.

Courses offered on both the A/F and S/N grading basis must be taken A/F, with a minimum grade of B earned for each course.

The minimum cumulative GPA for minor field coursework is 3.00.

#### **Coursework (6 to 12 credits)**

Masters students select 6 credits, and doctoral students select 12 credits from the following in consultation with the Rhetoric, Science and Technical Communication director of graduate studies. The 12 credits applied to the doctoral minor must include at least three credits in WRIT 5775, 5776, and/or 8510.

[WRIT 5112](#) - Information Design: Theory and Practice (3.0 cr)

[WRIT 5270](#) - Special Topics (3.0 cr)

[WRIT 5531](#) - Introduction to Writing Theory and Pedagogies (3.0 cr)

[WRIT 5532](#) - Practicum in Writing Pedagogies (1.0 cr)



[WRIT 5662](#) - Writing With Digital Technologies (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 5671](#) - Visual Rhetoric (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 5775](#) - Rhetorical Traditions: Classical Period (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 5776](#) - The Rhetorical Traditions: Modern Era (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8011](#) - Research Methods in Writing Studies and Technical Communication (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8510](#) - Seminar in Rhetoric (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8520](#) - Seminar in Scientific and Technical Communication (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8540](#) - Seminar in Technical Communication and Composition Pedagogies (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8550](#) - Seminar in Technology, Culture, and Communication (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8560](#) - Seminar in Writing Studies (3.0 cr)  
[WRIT 8792](#) - Independent Study, Reading, and Research (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

## 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

Doctoral