

California State University, Long Beach  
POLICY STATEMENT  
April 6, 1983

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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.

General Requirements for the Certificate in Technical and Professional Writing

1. Baccalaureate degree which may be taken concurrently with 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 Art 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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