

# SAMPLE Four-Year Plan

## B.A. Professional Writing and Publishing

### FALL 2023 Requirements

The curriculum in the Professional Writing and Publishing major is flexible and allows students to move through the coursework in many ways. This four-year plan illustrates one possible path a new freshman could take to complete a degree in four years. This is not an official document and is not the only way that a Professional Writing and Publishing degree can be completed in four years. Current students should refer to their individual Academic Advising Report for specific graduation requirements. Courses in bold indicate major-based coursework that is completed in the first year.

#### First Year

Fall Semester	Units
<b>English 101 Intro to College Writing and Reading</b>	3
Gened CORE 140 Global Perspectives	3
<b>BA World Language course</b>	4
General Education elective	3
PEGNRL 192 Personal Health and Fitness for Life	1
Intrauniversity 104 New Student Seminar	1
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
<b>English 102 Intro College Writing, Reading, Research</b>	3
<b>PWP 230 Foundations Prof Writing or 258 Doc Films</b>	3
<b>BA World Language course</b>	4
Gened CORE 130 Individual and Society	3
Math 139 Quantitative Reasoning	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

**Notes:** The math and English courses you will take during your first year will depend on UW System placement exam scores. This four-year plan reflects the math and English courses most common for students in this major. All students are encouraged to complete placement testing prior to attending Warhawks SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration). For the Bachelor of Arts degree requirements, students must complete two semesters of a world language or demonstrate proficiency in a world language through the second level on the UW System placement test in Spanish, French, or German. Students who are native speakers of a language other than English are eligible to waive the language requirement.

**Opportunities:** There are several co-curricular opportunities for students interested in writing. The Professional Writing Core is a student organization that produces work for campus and community clients. *The Muse* is the UW-Whitewater student literary magazine <https://blogs.uww.edu/themuse/>. The Warhawk Reading Series allows students to read and interact with visiting writers <https://thewarhawkreadingseries.wordpress.com/>.

#### Second Year

Fall Semester	Units
PWP 230 Foundations Prof Writing or 272 Critical Writing	3
PWP 310 The Grammar of Standard Written English	3
Gened CORE 110 World of the Arts	3
Communication 110 Intro to Human Communication	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
PWP 371 Writing/Sciences or 372 Technical Writing	3
PWP 272 or literature/film elective	3
U.S. Racial/Ethnic Diversity Course	3
University Requirement GN/GQ course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Opportunities:** Many Professional Writing and Publishing majors plan a study abroad experience during their sophomore year. Travel opportunities can be found through the Center for Global Education (<http://www.uww.edu/international>). In addition, faculty routinely organize and lead travel study courses that involve in-class learning during the semester followed by a short-term travel experience either in the US or abroad. Undergraduate research is highly recommended for students who have an interest in attending graduate school in the future. Completing a directed research project with a faculty mentor has many benefits: it develops a student's critical thinking and writing abilities, signals to graduate school programs that a student is prepared for independent research of their own, and it can provide a student with financial support since many undergraduate research opportunities are paid.



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**Third Year**

Fall Semester	Units
PWP 320 Style: Principles and Practices	3
PWP elective	3
Gened CORE 390 World of Ideas	3
University Requirement Lab Science (GL) course	4-5
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16-17</b>

Spring Semester	Units
PWP 330 Copyediting	3
Literature/film elective	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Opportunities:** An internship (PWP 493) is not required for the major but can be a great opportunity for practical experience. An internship is an experiential learning opportunity that provides students with hands-on experience in a potential career field, supervision and coaching from prospective employers, and the ability to learn professional norms and behaviors. In addition, completing an internship allows students to differentiate themselves in a competitive job market. Students should begin planning for an internship by the beginning of the junior year and can complete the internship in the junior or senior year. An internship for credit can count in the elective units in the major.

**Fourth Year**

Fall Semester	Units
Professional Writing and Publishing elective	3
BA 300/400 Breadth Requirement course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
General Education elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Semester	Units
PWP 430 Publication Development	3
PWP 440 Portfolio Development	3
Minor course	3
Elective course	3
Elective course	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

**Notes:** Students who move efficiently through the coursework in this major could add a certificate without extending time to degree. Completion of a certificate enables you to acquire additional tools for your toolbox by focusing on a specific skill that will complement your degree program and deepen knowledge in an area that is desirable to future employers. All students must earn 120 credits to earn a bachelor's degree and all requirements in this program can be completed in fewer than 120 credits. Most students have the opportunity to choose additional courses in the fourth year to expand skills, explore interests, or try something new.

**Opportunities:** LSINDP 399: Career Information in Letters and Sciences is a 1-credit course that focuses on career and graduate school opportunities; identifying skills, strengths, and work values; creating effective job search materials; developing a networking strategy; and planning for a successful post-graduation transition.

**Planning for Graduation:** Students are encouraged to apply for graduation one full semester prior to their intended graduation date. Information about commencement and the application for graduation are on the Registrar's Office website (<http://www.uww.edu/registrar/graduation>).

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