

English 305: Technical Writing

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TR 10:00-11:15 (Sec. W03), 1:00-2:15 (Sec. W05), and 2:30-3:45 (Sec. W02)



Purpose: What exactly do I want to happen?
Audience: Who is reading, listening, or viewing?
Conventions: What is expected in this context?
Trouble: What could get in the way of my goals?

This course explores forms of communication that are common in the technical professions, including object and process descriptions, instructions, and presentations. Drawing on the expertise developed in your major, you will learn strategies for translating between discipline-specific

knowledge and interested outsiders. Because a primary assumption of this course is that all writing emerges from and responds to a particular problem, audience and purpose, the course focuses on helping you develop multiple strategies for your writing toolbox.

This course requires reading and writing, regular attendance, and enthusiastic participation.

- Upper-division elective for the English major
- Required course for the Professional Writing & Editing concentration
- Required course for the Professional Writing & Editing minor
- University Writing requirement course

Prerequisites: ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103

