

Changes to the English, Concentration in Professional and Technical Writing Major as of Fall 2017

Starting in Fall 2017, most of the upper division English courses will be offered as 4 unit courses; the only courses that will not be transitioning to 4 credits are ones that currently fulfill GE (SJSU studies Areas Z, S, and V). In addition, we are revising our current sophomore survey requirements into a three sequence, TransAtlantic survey to explore the conversation between English and American Literature.

This transition will place more of your study within upper division courses, and while it will reduce the total number of classes that you will take, it will expand the breadth of these courses. The 4 credit courses will provide additional depth to your exploration of the material, either in additional reading, additional assignments, or differently designed delivery of the material.

The total number of units required for the English, Concentration in Professional and Technical Writing major is changing from 48 to 49-52.

CATALOG RIGHTS: Students retain the right to graduate under the catalog rules in effect during their first semester at SJSU. Students who enrolled at SJSU before Fall 2017 are therefore entitled to graduate under the old model (48 units). Students who enrolled at SJSU in Fall 2017 or later must complete the requirements listed for the new model above.

These changes are detailed below (shaded areas highlight changes under the new model).

OLD MODEL		NEW MODEL	
English Major Core (24 Units)		English Major Core (24 Units)	
Engl 56A or 68A* (Engl 50 credit will be given for successful completion of Engl 56A)	3	Engl 50	3
Engl 56B	3		
		Engl 60 (offered Spring only)	4
Engl 68B	3	Engl 70	3
Engl 100 W	3	Engl 100WB or Engl 100W	3
Engl 103	3	Engl 103	4
Engl 123A-D or Engl 125	3	Select One: Engl 123A-123D or Engl 125	3
Engl 144 or 145	3	Select One: Engl 144 or 145	4
Engl 193C (Senior)	3		
Prof & Tech Writing Concentration (12 Units)		Prof & Tech Writing Concentration (16 Units)	
Engl 105 or 135	3	Select One : Engl 105, 110 or 129	4
		Select One : Engl 105, 110 or 129	4
Engl 106	3	Engl 106	4
Engl 107	3	Engl 107	4
Engl 129	3		
Elective Requirements (12 Units)		Elective Requirements (9-12 Units)	
Take any 12 English Major units, 9 of which must be Upper Division.	12	Select any 3 Upper Division Courses	9-12
TOTAL FOR THE MAJOR	48	TOTAL FOR THE MAJOR	49-52

* Students that completed English 68A and/or 56B should see a Major Advisor ASAP to complete worksheet & select course mapping.

We are committed to working with students to make this transition as easy as possible. Please come talk to a major advisor or the department chair ASAP if you have concerns!