Technical Communication

The Master of Science in technical communication is designed to prepare professional communicators for advanced positions in industry and research organizations; with appropriate electives, students can prepare for careers in web design and development, software documentation, environmental communication, medical writing, industrial training in writing and editing, publications management and related areas.

Admission Requirements

Applicants should submit a resume and a writing sample. The application deadline is June 15. Those who wish to be considered for teaching assistantships should complete the application by February 1. Students are admitted for either the fall or spring semesters.

Requirements for MS in Technical Communication

The program requires 33 semester hours: 15 hours in the fields of technical writing, publication management, rhetoric and a projects course; the remaining hours are taken in applications, theory and methods and cross-disciplinary courses. Students must also satisfy a requirement for one semester of professional work experience.

Student Financial Support

Teaching assistantships ([https://english.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/teaching_assistantships.php](https://english.chass.ncsu.edu/graduate/teaching_assistantships.php)) are available for a limited number of promising students. These students work with an experienced teacher in their first year to assist in 300-level professional writing courses. They devote half time in subsequent semesters to teaching technical communication.

Degrees

- Technical Communication (MS) ([http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/technical-communication/technical-communication-ms/](http://catalog.ncsu.edu/graduate/humanities-social-sciences/technical-communication/technical-communication-ms/))

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