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rhetoric and writing studies
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Department of Rhetoric and Writing Studies
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The Minor in Rhetoric and Writing Studies

Designed for students from across the disciplines, the minor in Rhetoric and Writing Studies provides students with an enhanced awareness of the central role of language, imagery, and writing in every major. Students who want to improve their critical reading, writing, and thinking skills, as well as those interested in pursuing graduate work or entering more writing-intensive professions, will benefit from the minor. The minor incorporates a broad range of topics, including rhetorical theory, cultural rhetoric, and literacy and technology.

While virtually all professions require skills in writing, critical reading, and analytical thinking, the RWS Minor is particularly beneficial to students seeking careers in areas such as law, politics, journalism, business, science, engineering, public administration, and education.

The RWS Minor consists of a minimum of fifteen upper-division units (five courses). Six units must be selected from the core courses, RWS 411, 500W, and 510. The additional nine elective units are selected from upper-division courses in Rhetoric and Writing Studies that best suit students' future career and educational goals.

A minimum of six upper-division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University. In designing the minor, students may not include courses drawn from their major department.

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Core Courses

RWS 411
Digital Rhetorics

RWS 500W
Advanced Writing Strategies

RWS 510
Rhetoric and Culture

Upper-Division Courses

RWS 360
Rhetoric of Sustainability

RWS 412
Issues in Gender and Rhetoric

RWS 414
Rhetoric and Visual Culture

RWS 415 (coming Fall 2020)
The Craft of Writing Rhetorically

RWS 496
Topics in Rhetoric and Writing Studies

RWS 501
Editing

RWS 503W
Professional Writing

RWS 504
Advanced Professional Writing

Note: Prerequisites are required for some classes.

RWS 506
Writing Internship

RWS 507
Professional Communications in Nonprofit Organizations

RWS 508W
Scientific Writing

RWS 509
Teaching Composition in Secondary Schools

RWS 512
Writing Center Practice, Research, and Theory

RWS 543
Rhetoric of Visual Composing

RWS 596
Special Topics in Rhetoric and Writing Studies

Interested?

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