

# PROPOSAL FOR A CURRICULUM CHANGE

Georgia Southwestern State University

## Select Area of Change:

Core Curriculum

Specify: Area A,B,C,D,E

Major Curriculum

Graduate Curriculum

Other Curriculum

(minor, certificate,  
etc.)

Specify:

## Proposed Effective Date for Curriculum Change:

(Month/Year): 08/01/2016

**Degree & Program Name: (e.g., BFA, Art):** BA English  
(Professional Writing Track)

## Present Requirements:

ENGL 3240 Technical Writing  
ENGL 4040 Issues in Prof Writing  
ENGL Elective  
Choose either:  
ENGL 4035 Rhetoric:  
Theories/Hist/Pedagogies OR  
ENGL 4025: Composition Studies  
Choose either:  
ENGL 3230 Creative Writing OR  
ENGL 4050 Writing and Civic Engagement

## Proposed Requirements (Underline changes after printing this form:

ENGL 3240 Technical Writing  
ENGL 4040 Issues in Prof Writing  
ENGL 4035 Rhetoric  
ENGL 4025: Composition Studies  
Choose either:  
ENGL 3230 Creative Writing OR  
ENGL 4050 Writing and Civic Engagement

## Justification:

Select one or more of the following to indicate why the proposed change will be beneficial, giving your justification. Include and/or append relevant supporting data.

Improve student learning outcomes:

Adopting current best practice(s) in field: Most BA programs in Professional Writing include a balance of theoretical and practical courses. Our new requirements put do a better job balancing our offerings.

Meeting mandates of state/federal/outside accrediting agencies:

Other:

**Source of Data to Support Suggested Change:**

- Indirect measures:** Student Opinionnaires, student, employer, or alumni surveys, etc.
- Direct measures:** Materials collected and evaluated for program assessment purposes (tests, portfolios, specific assignments, etc.)

**Plan for assessing the effectiveness of the change in meeting program's learning outcomes (i.e., how do these changes fit within the current program assessment plan and what sorts of data will be collected and evaluated to determine if these changes are meeting stated program outcomes?).**

**Data Sources:**

- Indirect measures:** Student Opinionnaires; student, employer, or alumni surveys, etc.
- Direct measures:** Materials collected and evaluated for program assessment purposes (tests, portfolios, specific assignments, etc.)

**\*\*Attach a current curriculum sheet and proposed curriculum sheet.\*\***

<b>Submission for File Only:</b>	
Unit Head:	Date:
<b>Reviewed By (necessary even for file submissions):</b>	
GSW SACSCOC Liaison	Date:
<b>Approvals (unnecessary for file submissions):</b>	
Unit Head: <i>M. Bryan</i>	Date: <i>11/12/14</i>
Teacher Education Committee Chair:	Date:
Committee on Academic Affairs Chair:	Date:
Committee on Graduate Affairs Chair:	Date:
Secretary of the Faculty Senate:	Date:
Dean of the Faculty:	Date:

Proposal to Revise the PW Track

We propose to make a minor revision to the Professional Writing track, by eliminating one elective within track and adding ENGL 4035: Rhetoric as a requirement. Such a revision puts our program more in sync with other PW programs in the USG system, both in terms of the number and content of those programs. Below is a table, used in a previous revision, that demonstrates in terms of numbers, that our requirements would still be in the mainstream of USG institutions.

Table 2: Comparison of Upper-Division Professional Writing Requirements in USG System

	GSW	Clayton	Columbus	Fort Vall	GA Gwin	GA Reg	GA South	GA State	North Ga	Vald
Core	8	12	0	0	24*	0	0	0	12	12
PW	12	12	40	32	18	6	33	18	12	30
Lit	12	0	15	6	12	15	0	9	9	0
Elective	3	24	0	22	6	9	0	9	6	0
Total	35	48	55	60	60	30	33	36	39	42
Percent	23%:	25%	0%	0	40%	0%	0%	0%	30%	28%
	34%:	25%	72%	51%	30%	20%	100%	50%	30%	72%
	34%:	0%	28%	10%	20%	50%	0%	25%	23%	0%
	8%	50%	0%	39%	10%	30%	0%	25%	17%	0%

\*Georgia Gwinnet College's English core consists primarily of required internships.

Of the PW programs listed above, all except two have a required course in rhetorical studies.

**B.A. in ENGLISH (Proposed)**

**THIS MAJOR REQUIRES A MINOR OR CERTIFICATE.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

gswid# \_\_\_\_\_

ADVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Catalog Year: 2015-2016

**CORE: 60 HOURS**

**MAJOR/ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS: 60 HOURS**

Area A (9 hrs) (Min Grade of C Required)	Hrs	Term	Grade
ENGL 1101 Composition I	3		
ENGL 1102 Composition II	3		
MATH 1101, 1111, 1113, 1120	3		

Area B (4 hrs min)	Hrs	Term	Grade
Select 4 hours from list below:			
LIBR 1101(1), CIS 1000(3), THEA 1110(3), WMST 2001(3), COMM 1110(3), POLS 2401(3), ENGL 2200(3), Foreign Lang. (2000 or higher)(3)			

Area C (6 hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
ENGL: 2110, 2120, 2130	3		
English majors must select in Area F what was not selected in Area C to complete the three course requirement.			
Select one:	3		
ARTC 1100, MUSC 1100 or THEA 1100			

Area D (10 hrs min)	Area D Lists	Hrs	Term	Grade
Lab Science				
Lab (if CHEM or BIOL)				
NonLab/Lab Science				
Lab (if CHEM or BIOL)				
SCI, MATH, CIS, CSCI				

Area E (12 hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
POLS 1101 American Government	3		
HIST 1111 or 1112 Wrld Civ I or II	3		
HIST 2111 or 2112 US Hist I or II	3		
Select one:	3		
ECON 2105, SOCI 1101, ANTH 1102, PSYC 1101, HIST 1111 OR 1112			

Area F (18 hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
ENGL: 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140	3		
ENGL: 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140	3		
ENGL: 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140	3		
English majors must select in Area F what was not selected in Area C to complete the three course requirement.			
Foreign Language 2001	3		
Foreign Language 2002	3		
*Elective	3		

Physical Education (4 hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
PEDS 1010 Lifetime Fitness	1		
PEDS 2000 CPR/First Aid	2		
PEDS (Activity)	1		

Additional Requirements			
_____ GA HISTORY	_____ US HISTORY		
_____ GA CONSTITUTION	_____ US CONSTITUTION		
_____ UNIV 1000			

Major Core (35hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
<b>Required for all English majors:</b>			
ENGL Elective			
ENGL 3220 Advanced Composition	3		
ENGL 3211: Intro to Study of Engl Lang	3		
ENGL 4965 Senior Capstone Seminar	2		

Choose an area of study:			
<b>Literature Option (15 hrs)</b>			
ENGL 4120 Shakespeare	3		
American Lit (pre 1865)	3		
American Lit (post 1865)	3		
British Lit (pre 1798)	3		
British Lit (post 1798)	3		
<b>Professional Writing Option (15 hrs)</b>			
ENGL 3240 Technical Writing	3		
ENGL 4040 Issues in Prof Writing	3		
ENGL 4025: Composition Studies	3		
ENGL 4035 Rhetoric: Theories/Histories/Peda	3		
Choose either:			
ENGL 3230 Creative Writing or	3		
ENGL 4050 Writing and Civic Engagement			

***Minor (15-18 hrs) Required	Hrs	Term	Grade
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Free Electives (7-10 hrs)	Hrs	Term	Grade
Free Elective			

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**  
 Minimum grade of "C" required in Area A, Area F, Major and English courses.  
**\*Area F:** Foreign Language must be intermediate level beyond CPC. Select Area F elective courses from literature, humanities, fine arts, foreign language or prerequisites to major.  
**\*\*Major** required courses must be 3000 level or above.  
**\*\*\*Minor** and/or electives must include 9 semester hours of 3000 level or above.

**UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS**  
 A minimum of 120 semester hours must be completed for graduation.  
 39 semester hours must be upper division work at the 3000-4000 level.  
 Hours earned to fulfill PE requirements and UNIV 1000 cannot be used to meet the 120 hours needed for a degree.

**NOTE: \*\*Required Courses**  
 Any of the upper-level English or American Lit will fulfill the English B.A. requirements in these areas. Students are encouraged to study the requirements for the B.A. with Teacher Certification if they want to be certified at a later date.