Texas State University offers a master of arts with a major in technical communication that prepares students to write and communicate effectively in the rapidly changing and expanding world of technology. With its humanities-based and interdisciplinary curriculum, the program provides a foundation in technical communication, theories of rhetoric, composition, literature and information technology applications. The curriculum allows students to take an array of courses to enrich their communication and technology skills.

Technical communicators work in a variety of businesses, agencies and organizations and perform a wide range of writing, editing, designing and publishing activities. Such activities include documenting computer hardware and software, designing websites, producing multimedia educational training materials, writing policies and regulatory rules, writing grant applications, and publishing brochures, newsletters and magazines.

Classes are held at Texas State’s San Marcos campus, online and at the Round Rock Campus north of Austin, in the heart of one of the fastest-growing high technology corridors in the United States. Classes often meet in the evenings to accommodate working professionals.

“Without a doubt, enrolling in the MATC program at Texas State is the best thing I could have done for my career. Whether you want to work in the private or public sector or pursue a doctoral degree, the MATC program is the best preparation you can receive.”

— Jennifer Ramirez Johnson MATC ALUMNA

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**Course Work**
The MATC has two tracks: internship and thesis, both consisting of 30 semester hours. Students who currently work full time or students who will work as technical communicators typically choose the internship option. Internship classes are pass/fail.

Students who plan to pursue a doctorate in technical communication (or other doctoral program) typically choose the thesis track, which consists of two thesis courses.

**Faculty**
MATC faculty research and publish in technical communication and related fields, possess records of teaching excellence and have professional backgrounds in businesses and agencies. Some courses in the program are Digital Media and the Web, Ethics in Technical Communication, Foundations in Technical Communication, International Technical Communication, Rhetorical Theory, Teaching Technical Communication, Technical Editing and Software Documentation.

**Admission Policy**
All applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university. A minimum GPA of 2.75 on the last 60 undergraduate semester hours of letter-grade work earned before receipt of their bachelor’s (plus any previously completed graduate or professional work) is required. In addition, applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in 12 or more hours of undergraduate English courses.

Submit the following to The Graduate College:
- the online Graduate College application through ApplyTexas
- application fee
- one official transcript from each college or university attended

Please also submit the following documents as a single PDF file and upload directly to https://tim.txstate.edu/gadudocumentupload.
- portfolio consisting of the following:
  1. a statement of purpose explaining the applicant’s reasons for pursuing the MATC. Include background information that demonstrates interest and/or experience in writing, editing, and/or designing online or paper documents or other pertinent information.
  2. at least two nonfiction documents totaling a minimum of 15 double-spaced pages (at least one of the documents should be an academic research paper written for an undergraduate or graduate course)
  3. cover letter describing the submitted two nonfiction, prose documents

More information can be found at www.matc.english.txstate.edu. Click on Admission Requirements.

Visit www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/apply for access to an online application, where to submit application documents and additional details. Applications are due June 15 for the fall semester, April 15 for the summer semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

**Financial Assistance**
The Department of English awards two types of assistantships. Current graduate students and applicants for graduate study are eligible to apply for appointments as instructional assistants. Those who have already completed 18 graduate hours in English and who have sufficient teaching experience may be considered for appointments as teaching assistants.

The deadline for IA/TA applications is January 15 for appointments for the following fall. To be considered for an appointment, applicants must have at least 12 required credit hours remaining to complete in their degree plan during the year in which they will hold the appointment.

Please note that the deadlines for IA/TA appointments and scholarships are different from the deadlines to apply for the MATC program.

To see a list of scholarships available from the Department of English, visit www.english.txstate.edu/studentres/dept-scholarships.

For more information about scholarships, financial aid and application deadlines, visit The Graduate College website at www.gradcollege.txstate.edu and click on Financing Your Graduate Education. Please note that program admission priority deadlines must be met in order to be considered for scholarships, fellowships and assistantships.

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