

Technical Communication

MASTER OF ARTS (MATC)

Department Mission

Faculty in the Department of English teach, conduct research in, and advance the discipline of English Studies. Within the department, the program aims to:

- » strengthen students' ability to write clear technical and scientific information
- » build and refine technical editing skills
- » teach students to create end-user and developer documentation
- » help students to design and create web content for specific audiences
- » offer access to a state-of-the-art usability lab to conduct qualitative research
- » acquaint students with the ethical and cultural issues in technical communication



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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, Coordinator
at Information Technology Projects

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The MATC program prepares students to write, design, and communicate effectively in technical, scientific, and professional environments.



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Why choose Texas State?

The MATC program is a student-centered graduate program that accommodates experienced professionals and recent graduates from various disciplines. Evening courses are offered in traditional classrooms and in online environments to suit full and part-time students who live and work in Austin, San Antonio, San Marcos, and Round Rock.

Students and alumni have gained employment at MIT, EA Sports, Google, National Instruments, Dell, Motorola, Applied Materials, Polycom, Freescale Semiconductor, and many other companies, agencies and universities.

Course Work

With its humanities-based and interdisciplinary curriculum, the program provides students with a strong foundation in technical communication, rhetorical theory, intercultural/international communication, technical marketing communication, technical editing, software documentation, usability testing, social media, and web design.

The MATC program has two tracks: thesis and non-thesis internship, 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. Students who plan to pursue a doctorate in technical communication (or other doctoral program) typically choose the thesis track, which includes six thesis hours.

Faculty

The faculty publish national award-winning research and possess records of teaching excellence. In addition to their excellent research and teaching, all MATC faculty have work experience in business, government, scientific, and medical institutions. Faculty have active research agendas and have published books and articles on the following topics: international and intercultural technical communication, medical and scientific writing, social media and usability testing, government writing, web design, video production, and curriculum development.



Career Options

Technical communicators work in a variety of business, government, environmental, medical, and health organizations and perform a wide range of writing, editing, designing, and publishing activities. Such activities include documenting computer hardware and software, designing websites, conducting usability tests, producing multimedia educational training materials, writing government policies and procedures, health and medical writing, and grant proposal writing.

Important Deadlines*

Admissions

Priority Fall: January 15

Fall: June 15

Spring: November 1

Summer: April 15

Applications will continue to be considered on a space-available basis after the deadline.

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships

Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply

For information regarding admission requirements and submission instructions, please visit:

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