English
Degree Designation: BA
Concentration: Professional–Technical Writing

Mission Statement
The Department of English at the University of South Florida is a community of teacher–scholars and writers whose mission is to promote learning in language, composition, literature, critical theory, pedagogy, and professional, technical, and creative writing. The Department at both the undergraduate and graduate levels promotes the development of life–long skills in language, critical thinking, reading, writing, and research; embraces intellectual and human diversity; and fosters comparative and interdisciplinary approaches.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content / Discipline Skills
- Produce competent and stylistically correct technical and professional documents
- Demonstrate proficiency in sophisticated use of the computer and the tools and technologies of contemporary professional/technical communications
- Acquire professional/technical writing skills of a level of competency to attain gainful employment
- Demonstrate knowledge of a range of the primary works in British and American literature, the cultural context of these works, and interpretive strategies in the analysis of literature

Critical Thinking Skills
- Revise and edit both their own work for publication and the collaborative efforts of their colleagues
- Perform thorough, critical, and efficient research in preparing their written projects
- Analyze literature in its cultural and philosophical context

Communication Skills
- Demonstrate ability to offer and to accept constructive feedback on technical/professional documents
- Communicate technical/professional data to an audience, using oral and computer presentation skills
- Work in collaboration with other writers in production of documents
- Analyze literature in both written and oral presentations

Assessment Strategies
- The Technical/Professional Writing faculty will measure students’ achievements of the identified core learning outcomes by evaluation of assigned writing projects, oral presentations, and power–point presentations.
- The Literature faculty will measure students’ achievements of the identified core learning outcomes by evaluating analytical and interpretive essays, by testing on the assigned materials, and by evaluating students’ participation in class discussions.