

# **Master of Arts in Professional Writing (M.A.)**

2024-2025 Degree Completion Plan

| CORE COU         | URSES (21 hours)                                      | <u>Hrs</u> | Sem | <b>Grade</b> |
|------------------|---|------------|-----|--------------|
| ENGL 600         | Editing & Publishing                                  | 3          |     |              |
| ENGL 601         | Theory & Practice of Writing as Cultural Engagement   | 3          |     |              |
| <b>WRIT 500</b>  | Workplace Writing <sup>1</sup>                        | 3          |     |              |
| <b>WRIT 501</b>  | Research Methods & Bibliography <sup>1</sup>          | 3          |     |              |
| <b>WRIT 502</b>  | Professional Writing in the Disciplines <sup>1</sup>  | 3          |     |              |
| WRIT 601         | Grant Writing   | 3          |     |              |
| WRIT 633         | Technical Writing                                     | 3          |     |              |
|                  |   |            |     |              |
| <b>PROFESSIO</b> | ONAL WRITING COURSES (9 hours)                        |            |     |              |
| Choose three     | of the following courses:                             |            |     |              |
| BUSI 600         | Business Research Methods                             | 3          |     |              |
| COMS 542         | Communication in Christian Ministry                   | 3          |     |              |
| COMS 552         | Leadership Communication                              | 3          |     |              |
| ENGL 607         | Composition Studies                                   | 3          |     |              |
| ENGL 633         | Advanced English Grammar                              | 3          |     |              |
| ENGL 654         | Methods of Teaching Writing Across the Curriculum     | 3          |     |              |
| HLTH 553         | Grant Acquisition & Management                        | 3          |     |              |
| PPOG 635         | Speech Writing for Candidates & Officeholders         | 3          |     |              |
| STCO 550         | Best Practices: Transforming the Digital Organization | 3          |     |              |
| STCO 658         | Strategic Communication Campaigns for the Digital Age | 3          |     |              |
|                  |   |            |     |              |
| THESIS OR        | E ELECTIVE COURSES (6 hours) <sup>2</sup>             |            |     |              |
| ENGL 689         | Thesis Proposal & Research <sup>3, 4</sup>            | 3          |     |              |
| ENGL 690         | Thesis Defense  | 3          |     |              |
|                  | TOTAL HOURS   | 36         |     |              |

### **Graduation Requirements**

Complete 36 hours

A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level

3.0 GPA

No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)

No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-) Degree must be completed within 5 years

Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

#### Offered in Online Format

#### Notes

All applicable prerequisites must be met

<sup>1</sup>WRIT 500, 501, and 502 should be taken during the student's first semester.

 $^2$  Students may take two 500-600 level ENGL electives instead of ENGL 689 & 690.  $^3$  Any thesis student who is not ready for enrollment in ENGL 690 after completing

ENGL 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat ENGL 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in ENGL 690

<sup>4</sup>While ENGL 689 may be taken more than once, only one enrollment in the course will be permitted to count toward degree requirements. Students who switch from the thesis option to the non-thesis option are permitted to use one enrollment in ENGL 689 toward degree requirements

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## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

| First Semester                             |          | Second Semester                            |          |
|--|----------|--|----------|
| WRIT 500 <sup>1</sup>                      | 3        | WRIT 601                                   | 3        |
| WRIT 501 <sup>1</sup>                      | 3        | WRIT 633                                   | 3        |
| WRIT 502 <sup>1</sup>                      | <u>3</u> | Professional Writing Elective <sup>2</sup> | <u>3</u> |
| Total                                      | 9        | Total                                      | 9        |
|  |          |  |          |
| Third Semester                             |          | Fourth Semester                            |          |
| ENGL 600                                   | 3        | ENGL 601                                   | 3        |
| Professional Writing Elective <sup>2</sup> |          | Professional Writing Elective <sup>1</sup> | 3        |
| ENGL 689 or Elective <sup>3,4</sup>        |          | ENGL 690 or Elective <sup>3</sup>          | 3        |
| Total                                      | 9        | Total                                      | 9        |

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>WRIT 500, 501, and 502 should be taken in the first semester, and should be taken prior to enrollment in 600 level courses.

<sup>2</sup>Choose from the following courses: BUSI 600, COMS 542, 552, ENGL 607, 633, 654, HLTH 553, PPOG 635, STCO 550, or 658

<sup>3</sup>Students may take two 500-600 level ENGL electives instead of ENGL 689 & 690

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Any thesis student who is not ready for enrollment in ENGL 690 after completing ENGL 689 may be required, as determined by the student's thesis chair, to repeat ENGL 689 until deemed ready for enrollment in ENGL 690