

**WPI Writing & Rhetoric Minor vs. Professional Writing Major:
General Overview**

Writing & Rhetoric Minor	Professional Writing Major
<p>Overview:</p> <p>6 WR courses,* including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 WR courses • 1 course for capstone project <p>*This category can double-count from other coursework and degree requirements. See below for specific number/type of courses that can double-count in each category.</p>	<p>Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 WR courses* • 3 electives* • 1 MQP (PW only or combined with another major) • 18 scientific or technical courses* <p>*This category can double-count from other coursework and degree requirements. See below for specific number/type of courses that can double-count in each category.</p>
<p>How the Writing & Rhetoric Minor complements/counts your other WPI coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 of your 5 WR courses can double-count toward the HUA requirement, including a WR-focused HU3900/10. 	<p>How the Professional Writing Major complements/counts your other WPI coursework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 of your 6 WR courses can double-count toward the HUA requirement, including a WR-focused HU3900/10. • All 3 electives can come from your other WPI coursework; all 3 electives can double-count. • Double majors have the option of simultaneously completing their two MQP requirements by completing one interdisciplinary 4/3 unit MQP. • Your required 18 scientific or technical courses can all double-count from a second major.

Note: “double-count” means that one course can satisfy 2 coursework requirements in your overall WPI coursework.

Minor vs. Major Requirements Comparison by Category

Category	Writing & Rhetoric Minor	Professional Writing Major
Writing Courses	5 WR courses, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR 3112 (Rhetorical Theory) 	6 WR courses, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At most 1 1000-level course • At least 1 4000-level course • WR 3112 (Rhetorical Theory)
Electives	N/A; no requirement	3 elective courses (1/3 unit each; 1 unit total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide depth in communication • Can come from HUA, IMGD, Management, Foreign Languages, additional WR courses, etc. <p>All 3 electives can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • double-count elsewhere (unless prohibited by another program) • be additional WR courses not already being used to fulfill the “Writing Course” category.
Scientific & Technical Coursework	N/A; no requirement	18 scientific or technical courses; all 18 courses can double-count from a second major.
Final Writing Project	1/3 Unit Capstone Project. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR 4111 (Research Methods in Writing) • <u>or</u> an Independent Study (ISU) linked to a 3000-level or 4000-level course WR course upon instructor’s permission. <p>Advice: WR 4111 offers further support for PW MQPs. PW Majors are encouraged to take it in their third year (to prepare for the MQP) or fourth year (to support an in-progress MQP).</p>	1 MQP. Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 unit PW MQP • <u>or</u> 4/3 unit MQP + MQP (ideal for double majors; it’s one MQP project that brings together your two majors) <p>Note: If you complete a 4/3 unit interdisciplinary MQP, it’s only an additional 1/3 unit.</p> <p>Advice: Plan for 1/3 or 3/3 additional units in your WPI coursework timeline, depending on the route you chose for your MQP.</p>