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COURSE NUMBER COM 355

COURSE TITLE Advanced Technical Communication

CREDITS 3

PREREQUISITE COM 250 and ENG 122

FACULTY MEMBER

TERM

METHOD OF CONTACT/ OFFICE HOURS

COURSE TIME BREAKDOWN

40 Hours of Structured Learning Activities

TEXTBOOKS

*A list of course textbooks are available on the Wilmington University Bookstore website: http://bookstore.wilmu.edu/

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Advanced Technical Communication will continue the work of the introductory course, COM 250, covering the requirements for designing and developing technical documentation. Students will further define audience and purpose, determine appropriate format and style, improve the clarity and organization of writing, and review and edit work effectively. Project work will require teamwork, oral communication, and presentation skills. This course provides specific training for the Certified Professional Technical CommunicationTM (CPTCTM) exam (an optional offering). Contact College of Arts & Sciences for testing dates.

(CPTCTM is a trade mark of the Society for Technical Communication.)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide students with the knowledge and skills to:

1. Apply current industry standards by writing and developing a variety of documents for print, web, video, and other multimedia technologies.

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- 3. Examine and employ specific genres of communication: white papers, recommendation and analytical reports, proposals, memorandums, web pages, wikis, blogs, business letters, and promotional documents.
- 4. Practice professional rhetoric and writing, including conciseness, clarity, accuracy, honesty, avoiding wordiness or ambiguity, and adhering to readability, coherence and transitional devices.

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6. Discover available resources (such as search engines and databases) and the strategies of data