



## Baccalaureate Degree Plan

NCCCS Associate in Arts *or* Associate in Science  
*transfer to*

East Carolina University, **BS PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND INFORMATION DESIGN**

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The Professional Writing and Information Design, BS will prepare students for careers in writing and designing information for industry, science, technology, engineering, government, and health contexts; editing and publishing; user experience and usability; information design, documentation, content creation, and document management.

Technical communicators and information designers bridge the gap between subject matter experts (e.g., scientists and engineers) and those who must understand or implement their ideas. These information professionals are in demand by software, hardware, consumer electronics, pharmaceutical, and financial services industries.

As a transfer student, it is important to contact an ECU Academic Advisor, [thcasadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:thcasadvising@ecu.edu), as soon as possible.

*An example of how to plan your first 2 years of the traditional 4 years of study is included at the end of this document. However, depending on when you transfer and how many recommended courses you take at the community college, it may take longer than 4 years to complete any degree at ECU.*

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### Recommended courses to take at a North Carolina Community College

ENG 111  
ENG 112  
ENG 125

HEA 110

MAT 143 or 171

- Other courses to complete an AA or AS are student's choice; no other current department recommendations. Other equivalent courses may be listed in the degree requirements.
- Completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives the General Education requirement. For more information about the waiver, [click here](#).
- For more information about General Education Core Requirements at ECU, and a list of specific course options, click [here](#).
- You do not have to complete all NCCCS equivalents or recommended courses before transferring. However, taking minimal recommendations may prolong your time to degree at ECU.

## Degree Requirements

### General Education Core Requirements

*40 semester hours credit required; completion of an approved AA or AS waives this requirement.*

Competency	Semester Hour Credits Required	Notes
Written Communication	6	<i>ENG 111 and ENG 112 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>
Humanities & Fine Arts	9	<i>At least one class should be labeled as Humanities (HU) and one should be labeled as Fine Arts (FA).</i>
Social Sciences	9	<i>NCCCS HIS courses are not considered a social science at ECU.</i>
Natural Sciences	7	<i>One course must include a lab.</i>
Mathematics	3	<i>Choose MAT 143 or 171.</i>
Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity	3	<i>HEA 110 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>

<b>Core</b>	Complete 46 hours.	<i>NCCCS Equivalents</i>
<b>Persuasive and Technical/ Professional Writing</b>	<p>Complete 33 hours.</p> <p>ENGL 2885 - Writing and Document Design            ENGL 3030 - Introduction to Rhetorical Studies            ENGL 3040 - Introduction to Professional Writing            ENGL 3050 - Introduction to Information Design            ENGL 3835 - Persuasive Writing            ENGL 3870 - Introduction to Editing and Publishing            ENGL 4780 - Technical Writing            ENGL 4900 - Professional Practices in Professional Writing and Information Design</p> <p><u>Choose three courses from the following:</u></p> <p>ENGL 2815 - Introduction to Creative Writing            ENGL 2830 - Writing and Style            ENGL 3810 - Advanced Composition            ENGL 3820 - Scientific Writing            ENGL 3860 - Introduction to Nonfiction Writing            ENGL 3875 - Introduction to Writing Studies            ENGL 3880 - Writing for Business and Industry            ENGL 3890 - Critical Writing            ENGL 3895 - Topics in Technical and Professional Writing            ENGL 4785 - Project Management in Professional Communication            ENGL 4825 - Writing, Rhetoric, and Social Movements            ENGL 4885 - Digital Writing</p>	<i>ENG 125</i>
<b>Language</b>	<p>Complete 6 hours.</p> <p>LING 2050 - English for Global Communication <b>or</b>            LING 3720 - Writing Systems of the World</p>	<i>To be completed at ECU.</i>

	<p>Choose one course from the following:</p> <p>LING 2700 - Introduction to Language Studies  LING 2710 - English Grammar  LING 2720 - Invented Languages  LING 2740 - Language in the USA  LING 2760 - Afro-Caribbean Language and Culture  LING 3700 - History of the English Language  LING 3730 - The Structure of English: Phonology and Morphology  LING 3740 - The Structure of English: Syntax and Semantics  LING 3750 - Introductory Linguistics  LING 3770 - Language and Cognition  LING 4730 - Language and Society</p>	
Professional Development	<p>Complete 7 hours.</p> <p>ENGL 4890 - Practicum: Careers in Writing  ENGL 4891 - Practicum: Careers in Writing  ENGL 4999 - English Professional Seminar</p>	<i>To be completed at ECU.</i>
Electives	Choose ENGL, FILM, or LING electives (exclusive of writing foundations courses).	
Minor and/or Remaining Electives	Complete a minor and/or electives to finish graduation requirements.	

## Potential 2 Year Map for BS Professional Writing and Information Design

An example of courses to take at your community college.

### First Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 111	ENGL 1100
Humanities/Fine Arts course	
MAT 143 or 171	MATH 1050 or 1065
HEA 110	HLTH 1000/KINE 1000
ACA 122	COAD 1XXX (elective credit)

### Second Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 112	ENGL 2201
Social Behavioral Science course	
Humanities/Fine Arts Course	
Additional General Education course	
Natural Science course	

### Third Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Humanities/Fine Arts course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math course	
ENG 125	ENGL 2815
Social Behavioral Science course	
Additional General Education course	
Additional General Education course	

### Fourth Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Social Behavioral Science course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natural Science course	
Additional General Education course	
Additional General Education course or Elective course	
Elective course	
Elective course	

- Schedule at ECU will depend on courses completed at the community college and semester of entry (fall or spring).
- You should email [thcasadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:thcasadvising@ecu.edu) as soon as possible for more specialized advising.
- This schedule is dependent on taking full-time course loads; however, it may not be realistic to take a full-time course load if you are working full-time or part-time, are a caregiver, or have other obligations. **Ask your advisor how you can be most successful.**