

Technical Communication

at Eastern Washington University

what
is

Technical Communication?

Technical writers, also called technical communicators, prepare instruction manuals, journal articles, and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. A technical communicator can also be responsible for designing graphics, websites, copyediting, examining documents for usability, and much more. As such, in addition to English courses, the Technical Communication program includes classes in Design, Journalism, and Communication. ¹

Technology

Microsoft Word Excel Powerpoint Notepad ++

Adobe Photoshop Illustrator InDesign Dreamweaver

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Acquired Skills

Word processing Desktop publishing Distributing Graphic Designing Web page Creating Acquiring Product Knowledge

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Industries

Professional Scientific Technical Services Manufacturing

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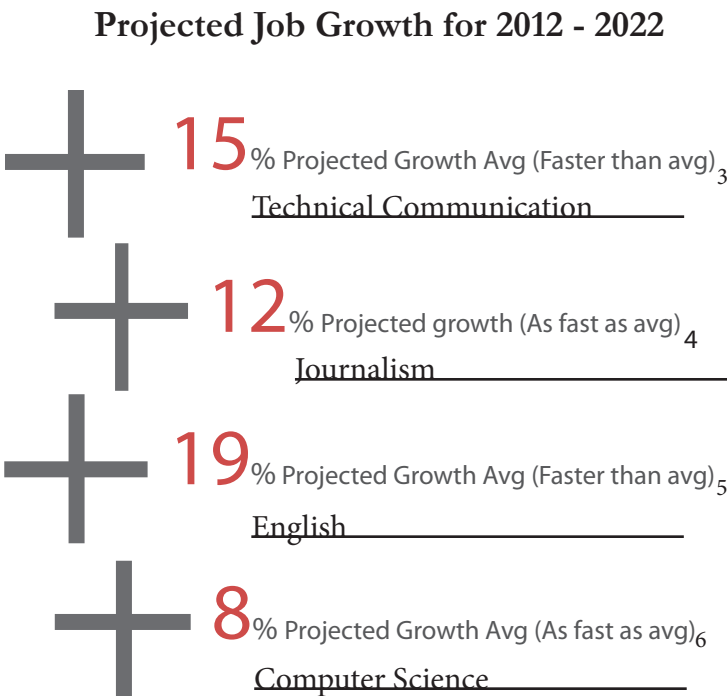
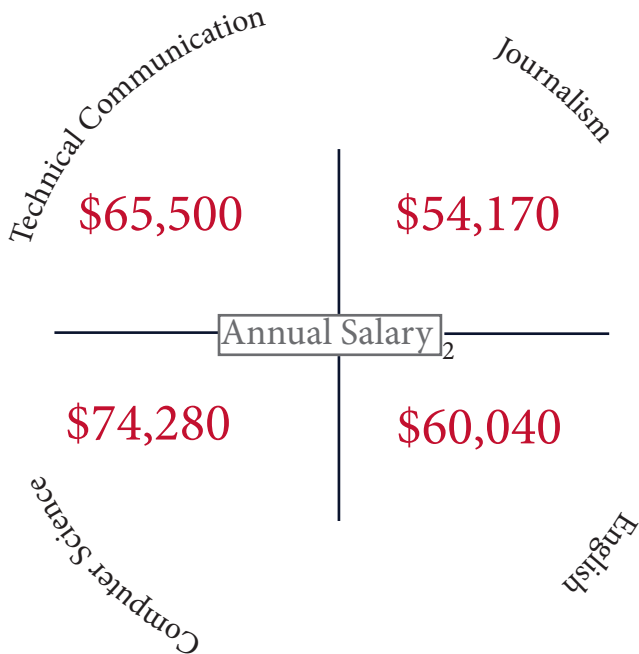
Work Style

Attention to Detail Dependability Integrity Cooperation Initiative Effort Persistence Adaptability Patience

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Specialties

User-Interace design Usability Testing Technical Editing Information Architecture Web Master Globalization / Localization / Translation¹¹



Job Outlook for a Technical Writer



Technical Communication

ENGL 360 Language Structure and Use TCOM 205 Introduction to Technical Communication TCOM 305 Research in Technical Communication TCOM 309 Grammar for Professional Writers TCOM 404 Instructions and Procedures TCOM 407 Proposal Writing TCOM 409 Editing in Technical Communication TCOM 490 Senior Capstone TCOM 495 Professional / Technical Communication Internship

Design: VCD/PR Track

CMST 200 Introduction to Speech Communication JRNM 451 Public Relations Theory JRNM 452 Advanced Public Relations Theory JRNM 453 Public Relations Writing DESN 100 Drawing for Communication DESN 216 Computer Graphics DESN 360 Publication Design DESN 368 Web Design I DESN 375 Digital Video OR DESN 350 Digital Imaging Photography OR DESN 378 Web Design 2 TECH 393 Technology in World Civilization

Design: IS/WebApp Track

CMST 200 Intro to Speech Communication CSCD 110 Introduction to Programming CSCD 210 Programming Principles I CSCD 211 Programming Principles II CSCD 300 Data Structures CSCD 327 Relational Database Systems CSCD 378 Web Application Development CSCD 379 .NET Web Application Development DESN 100 Drawing for Design DESN 216 Computer Graphics DESN 368 Web Design

Courses include:

Electives - select one:

CMST 340 Intercultural Commnication DSST 310 Disability, Culture, and Society ENGL 380 Survey of Native American Literatures ENGL 389 Women, Literature, and Social Change

Bachelor of Arts 91-101 credits

Undergraduate Director: Dr. Teena Carnegie Graduate Director: Dr. Molly Johnson