M.A. in Writing, Rhetoric, & Discourse

Learning Outcomes

As a consequence of successful completion of the degree program, students will demonstrate:

- An understanding of key concepts, theories, and disciplinary conversations in the study of non-literary writing.
- The ability to analyze the ways in which subject positions and social relations inform and shape interpretations and production of written text.
- A conception of rhetorical context and the ability to apply this to their own writing in a range of settings.
- Sophisticated reflection on one’s writing non-literary context.
- A capacity to manage the conventions of academic discourse, including synthesis of divergent positions.
- The ability to work effectively on collaborative projects.

Professional & Technical Writing Concentration:

- Competence in employing situationally-appropriate writing technologies.
- An ability to analyze power relations in workplace cultures.

Teaching Writing & Language Concentration:

- An ability to apply current theories and principles of writing and/or language pedagogy to the production and analysis of pedagogical materials, such as curricula, syllabi, lessons plans, and assignments.
- An ability to be reflective when making pedagogical choices.