MATC UNOFFICIAL DEGREE OUTLINE

Name: _________________________
Student ID#: ____________________

M.A. with a major in Technical Communication Degree Outline (30 hours)

Internship option: 30 hours of coursework, including ENG 5312, and a portfolio exam
Thesis option: 24 hours of coursework, six hours of thesis, and a portfolio exam

3 Hours Foundations Course
ENG 5311: Foundations in Technical Communication

Semester/ Year/ Topic

3 Hours Rhetorical Theory Course
ENG 5383: Rhetorical Theory
OR
ENG 5326: Composition Theory

9 Hours Required Technologically-focused Courses for Thesis and Internship
OR 6 Hours of Required Technologically-focused courses and 3 Hours of Ethics
ENG 5310: Digital Literacies
ENG 5313: Digital & Print Document Design
ENG 5313: Digital Media and the Web
ENG 5313: Ethics in Technical Communication
ENG 5313: Technical Editing
ENG 5314: International Technical Communication
ENG 5314: Software Documentation
ENG 5317: Computers and Writing

9 Hours of Prescribed Electives for Thesis
OR 12 Hours of Prescribed Electives for Internship
ENG 5300: Language Problems in a Multicultural Environment
ENG 5310: Studies in Language and Linguistics
ENG 5312: Editing the Professional Publication (approved topics*)
This course may be taken twice if approved topics* are different

ENG 5313: Principles of Technical Communication: Various topics
ENG 5314: Specializations in Technical Communication: Various topics
ENG 5317: Specializations in Rhetoric and Composition: (approved topics*)
ENG 5324: Topic: Literature and Technology

3 Hours Internship
ENG 5312: Editing the Professional Publication Internship (approved topics*)
OR
6 Hours of Thesis
ENG 5399: Thesis A (Prerequisite: 18 hours) AND
ENG 5399: Thesis B (Prerequisite: Thesis A)

Optional: 6 hours of Cognate/Area of Emphasis
With permission of the MATC Director, students may also opt to take 6 hours of Rhetoric and Composition or Literature courses from Texas State as a cognate/area of emphasis for six hours of the Prescribed Electives. In addition, students may opt for a minor in other programs or disciplines at Texas State. Cognates are two courses; minors are typically three courses or more and require an advisor from the discipline in which the courses are taken.

Note: ENG 5313 and ENG 5314 courses may be taken a maximum of three times each. Different topics are required.
*Effective Spring 2015 – English 5312 and 5317 topics must be approved by the MATC Director prior to enrollment

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