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WRITING STUDIES

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

**Graduate Student Handbook
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Certificate in Technical Communication
&
M.S. in Scientific & Technical Communication

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Please note: College and Graduate Education policies and procedures are continually being developed and implemented. Students and faculty will be notified of significant changes.

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Welcome!

This handbook is intended for students currently enrolled in our department's Certificate and M.S. programs. It does not contain information on admissions. (See [admissions information](#), see and select the degree in which you're interested).

Considerable effort has been taken to assure that the information in this handbook is accurate. But nothing in this handbook can supercede the rules and regulations of the Graduate School or other University of Minnesota governing bodies. Rules and regulations governing all graduate programs at the University of Minnesota are set forth in the [Graduate Education Catalog](#) and at the [Graduate School](#) website.

Our research and teaching interests range widely, from the core fields of rhetorical theory and history, and scientific and technical communication, to pedagogy, textual analysis and understanding, digital and multimedia communication, and the interaction of writing and its readers and its broader social and cultural contexts. The number of our graduate students is small, so you can receive close, individual attention from your advisor and others on the faculty.

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Graduate Student Online Resources (GSSP)

One Stop Student Services

Categories: Academics, Finances, Personal Information, Dates and Deadlines, Forms, How-to Guides, Contact us, For Faculty and Staff

One Stop Student Services (GSSP) is the most important resource for graduate degree information, degree completion steps and electronic access to the various forms you need to file.

The Graduate Student Services and Progress (GSSP) office serves as the primary contact point for graduate students after admission and initial registration and through graduation.

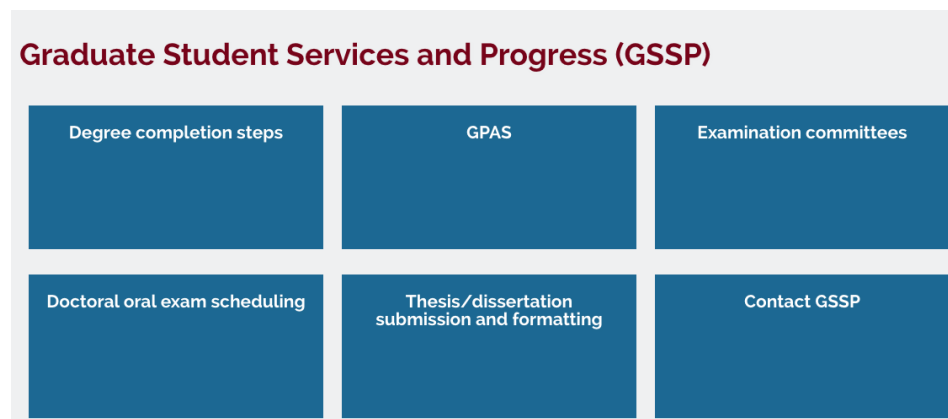
GSSP can assist you with:

- Inquiries regarding graduate policy and graduate degree progress
- Understanding your graduate degree completion deadlines and requirements
- Graduate examination committee policy, submission, and approval inquiries
- Doctoral preliminary and final examination scheduling procedures and requirements
- Thesis and dissertation submission procedures
- Submitting degree progress and completion forms for graduate degrees

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333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall

GSSP has a helpful website with a [degree completion checklist](#) and electronic access to the various forms you need to file. You are expected to follow those deadlines and rules; if you have questions ask your advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS,) or the Programs Administrator.



The [College of Liberal Arts Graduate School](#) has resources for current students, funding and tuition and helpful resources.

Technical Communication Certificate

The Advising System

Upon admission to the Certificate in STC Program, your assigned advisor will be Dr. Laura Pigozzi. Please contact her directly to discuss your coursework. Your advisor is your initial point of contact and will assist you with planning your program coursework, filling out your Graduate Degree Plan, and is able to provide guidance with academic progress and concerns. Most students have the same advisor throughout their degree, but our system is flexible, so that some students change advisors as their interests develop and change. To change your advisor, get the approval of the new advisor, inform the former adviser, and let the Graduate Programs Administrator know of the change so our records can be updated.

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CERT Course Requirements

This program is designed with the working professional in mind. Your advisor will assist you with course selection and will work with you to help you complete the certificate. If you chose to continue your education, you may transfer all 15 certificate credits into the MS in Scientific and Technical Communication program.

A minimum GPA of 2.80 is required for students to remain in good standing.

The certificate consists of 5 online courses, 15 graduate credits from the Department of Writing Studies:

- 3 cr WRIT 5001 Introduction to Graduate Studies in Scientific & Technical Communication
- 3 cr WRIT 4662 Writing with Digital Technologies
- 3 cr WRIT 5112 Information Design
- 3 cr WRIT 4562 International Professional Communication
- 3 cr WRIT 5561 Editing and Style for Technical Communicators

Note: None of the courses require prerequisites. Courses are typically offered once per year.

Courses: <https://cla.umn.edu/writing-studies/graduate/courses> & <https://cla.umn.edu/writing-studies/undergraduate/courses>

Degree Completion Steps for the Certificate in Scientific and Technical Communication

Step 1

Register for two courses (minimum of one course) in fall semester and two courses (minimum of one course) in spring semester, including the semester in which you plan to graduate, until you complete your certificate coursework requirements.

You are expected to take a minimum of two courses every year to maintain active status, including the term in which you will officially complete your certificate. If you are not able to take courses, consult with your advisor because it will affect your status with the program and the Graduate School.

Step 2

Complete the Graduate School Post-Baccalaureate Certificate [Graduate Degree Plan \(GDP\) Form](#), available online in Degree Completion Steps. Discuss it with your advisor by the end of your first semester of study. See sample GDP below.

Submit the approved form to the CLA Graduate Programs office in 113 Johnston Hall at least one term prior to your anticipated term of certificate completion. A GDP can take 4-8 weeks to process and must be submitted, approved, and posted on your student record prior to graduation.

Step 3

Obtain your Graduation Packet from the Graduate School. [Request it online](#) in Degree Completion Steps one semester before you plan to graduate.

Step 4

From the packet, complete and submit The Graduate Application for Degree form to the Office of the Registrar by the first business day of the month you intend to graduate.

Also, from the packet, complete and submit the signed Final Report Form to Graduate Student Services and Progress Office in One Stop (333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall) by the last business day of the month you intend to graduate.

Step 5

Follow instructions provided to you by the Graduate School. During the 2nd or 3rd week of the month you apply to graduate, you will receive an email communication from the Graduate School to your U of M email address. The email will either

- alert you to remaining requirements that must be completed in order for your certificate to be awarded;
- or
- confirm that you have completed all certificate requirements and inform you of the date upon which your certificate will be awarded.

Certificate Degree Completion Steps

Note: Step 2, the SC Final Exam Committee is not required for the Certificate



DEGREE COMPLETION STEPS

*Specialist Certificate in Education (SC)
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC)*

In order to receive your certificate, the following procedures must be completed. You must maintain active student status by registering every fall and spring semester until your certificate is awarded. All forms must be submitted to the Graduate Student Services and Progress (GSSP) office unless otherwise noted. Contact your graduate program office for any program-specific requirements and deadlines.

1 Complete Graduate Degree Plan

See the degree completion steps page for your graduate degree plan form: <https://onestop.umn.edu/degree-completion-steps>

2 Assign members to SC final exam committee

Complete at least one semester prior to exam via <https://onestop.umn.edu/examination-committees>

3 Download Graduation Packet

Packet will include the Graduate Application for Degree form and the Examination Report/Final Report form: <https://apps.grad.umn.edu/secure/gradpacket/>

4 Submit Application for Degree

Apply by the first day of the anticipated month of graduation. Application instructions: <https://onestop.umn.edu/academics/apply-graduate>

5 Submit the Examination Report/Final Report form

Submit by the last business day of anticipated month of graduation

Questions?

Contact the Graduate Student Services and Progress office (333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall).

<https://onestop.umn.edu/contact-gssp>

Degree Progress & Completion

gssp@umn.edu

612-625-3490

How to fill out your Certificate Graduate Degree Plan (GDP)

Please complete the fillable GDP form (must be typed, not handwritten) and scans are not allowed.

Access the GDP form:

<https://onestop.umn.edu/sites/onestop.umn.edu/files/forms/otr198.pdf>

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Graduate Degree Plan

Check here if this is a revision of a previously approved plan

Check here if you are a master's student who has completed or is currently pursuing an additional master's program at the University of Minnesota.

DIRECTIONS—Use this form to declare your degree plan. Review your major field's student handbook and confer with your faculty adviser and Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) to ensure your plan fulfills minimum graduate education and program requirements. Obtain original signatures from your faculty adviser, co-adviser (if applicable), major field DGS, and minor field DGS (if applicable) indicating their approval and submit to your graduate program for review.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YX_7KPG5oVsd&feature=youtu.be

GOSP use only
 Committee Administrative officer _____
 DGS only Date _____

To ensure privacy online, open in Adobe Reader (free at Adobe.com). Please add the required signature(s) in blue or black ink.

PART 1. Student information

University ID: 222222 University email: goldy876@umn.edu
 Student name (Last, first, middle): Lname, Fname I.

PART 2. Degree information

Degree sought: Certificate Major: Technical Communication
 Track (if applicable): Minor (if declared): Language Requirement (if required):
 If Master's Degree (check one):
 Plan A 10 Master's Plan A thesis credits (8777) 24 Doctoral thesis credits (8888)
 Plan B 4 Doctoral thesis credits (8888)—D.M.A. only
 Plan C 12 Doctoral thesis credits (8888)—Ed.D. only

PART 3. Transfer coursework

List all transfer work in chronological order. Official transcripts must be attached unless previously submitted with your application for admission. NOTE: Course type "other" refers to outside of major field coursework. A course cannot be used to meet both "major" and "minor/other" course requirements.

Term and year	Check one		Department & course number	Course title	Number of semester credits	Grade	Institution
	Major	Minor/Other					
TRANSFER COURSEWORK ONLY							

Graduate program/college office use only
 All international coursework was reviewed by the Graduate Admissions office.

To request copies of this form in an alternative format, please call the Disabilities Services liaison at 612-625-9578. The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer and educator. This form is printed on paper made from no less than 20 percent post-consumer waste.

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University ID: 222222 Student name (last, first, middle): Lname, Fname I.

PART 4. University of Minnesota coursework

List University of Minnesota coursework required by your Graduate Program in chronological order, beginning with earliest term and year. Do not include the following: xxxx-8777, xxxx-8888, xxxx-8888, Grad 999, xxxx-8323, or xxxx-8444. Coursework not applied to the degree. NOTE: Course type "other" refers to outside of major field coursework. A course cannot be used to meet both "major" and "minor/other" course requirements.

Term and year	Check one		Department & course number	Course title	Number of semester credits	Grade
	Major	Minor/Other				
Sum 17	X		WRIT 5561	Editing and Style for Technical Communicators	3	
Fall 17	X		WRIT 5001	Intro to Grad Studies in Sci. and Tech. Communication	3	
Fall 17	X		WRIT 4622W	Writing with Digital Technologies	3	
Spr 18	X		WRIT 4562	International Professional Communication	3	
Spr 18	X		WRIT 5112	Information Design: Theory and Practice	3	

PART 5. Course totals (transfer and UMN coursework)

Major course credit total: 15 Other/minor course credit total: _____ Total course credit total: 15

PART 6. Approval

Adviser name: _____ Adviser signature: _____ Date: _____
 Co-adviser name: _____ Co-adviser signature: _____ Date: _____
 DGS (major field) signature: _____ Date: _____ DGS (minor field) signature: _____ Date: _____
 Graduate program/college office use only: note any exceptions to University policy
 College signature: _____ Date: _____
 Administrative officer: _____ Date: _____

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To update/change your graduate degree plan, please complete the [graduate student petition form](#).

Expectations, regular progress, forms and graduation

The student is responsible for completing and filing their GSSP forms, which are required for progress and graduation (GDP, Final Report form, Application for Degree, etc.). The student will not be cleared for graduation unless all requirements are properly fulfilled. Please contact the Graduate Programs Administrator for assistance with departmental signatures. You are expected to follow deadlines and rules; if you have questions ask your advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS), or the Graduate Programs Administrator.

Each student will need to file an approved Graduate Degree Plan (GDP) indicating the courses that will be taken. Completion of the certificate program requires completion of the indicated courses, with a grade of B or better and with an overall GPA in certificate course work of 2.80 or better. No capstone course or final exam will be necessary for students to complete this certificate program; however, a Final "Report" form must be submitted.

Grad 999 In special circumstances, if necessary to maintain active status in the program without taking a course, you must register for GRAD 999 with your advisor's approval. Grad 999 is a zero-tuition, zero-credit registration that satisfies the Graduate School registration requirement. It does not satisfy registration requirements for graduate student employment at the University, international student agencies, and does not satisfy most loan deferment requirements. Be sure to read all of the information about this [registration option](#) on the Graduate School's web site before registering.

The Department of Writing Studies limits registration in GRAD 999 to one semester only.

Change of Status: from the Certificate to the M.S. Program

The Certificate provides a gateway for you to participate in additional outstanding education that the University of Minnesota offers.

While you are participating in this Certificate program, you will receive academic advising from graduate faculty in the Department of Writing Studies. Through this advising, faculty work to identify and prepare students who show an interest in and promise for the full M.S. in Scientific and Technical Communication (S&TC) program.

You may apply for the MS program while you are a Certificate student, however, you must graduate from the Certificate program if you wish to obtain the Certificate degree and transfer credits to the MS program.

Students will be able to transfer up to 15 credits from the Certificate program into the M.S. in S&TC program, if accepted into the MS program. Please contact your adviser prior to applying for the MS.

A Change of Status form from the Graduate School must be filled out and submitted by the student if you are completing your CERT and would like to apply to the MS. Complete the [online application](#) to: add a new (concurrent) program at the same degree level, change to a different major, add or change a track, or change from a masters to doctoral degree level (with or without completing the current masters degree). Applications to the MS and certificate programs are accepted on a rolling basis. However, the Graduate School must receive all of the following materials before your application will be considered. We suggest that you submit your application materials to the Graduate School at least six weeks before the semester you wish to begin.

Application requirements: <https://cla.umn.edu/writing-studies/graduate/how-apply/certificate-ms-application>

M.S. in Scientific and Technical Communication - “Plan C”

The Advising System

Upon admission to the M.S. in STC program, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) and admission committee will assign you an advisor. Please contact your advisor directly to assist you with coursework selections.

You are free to change advisors at any time. Just get the approval of the new advisor, inform the former advisor, and let the Graduate Programs Administrator know of the change so that our records can be updated.

MS Course Requirements

A minimum of 30 credits is required as follows:

Course		Semester	Year	Credits
WRIT 5001	Introduction to Graduate Studies in Science & Technical Communication			3
WRIT 5112	Information Design			3
WRIT 4562	International Professional Communication			3
WRIT 4662	Writing with Digital Communication			3
WRIT 5561	Editing and Style for Technical Communicators			3
Electives (one WRIT course 4xxx or higher & 9 credits in related field competency area—see below)				
WRIT				3
Capstone				
WRIT 8505	Professional Practice			3
			Total Credits	33

Note: MS students may only take three (3) 4xxx level courses.

Related Field Competency Area (9 credits)

Possible areas of study include, but are not limited to:

- Health Sciences
- International Technical Communication
- Food Science and Nutrition
- Technical Communication and Software Engineering
- Technical Communication and Environmental Science
- Technical Communication and Law

Graduate-level Minors for the M.S.

Students can seek a graduate-level minor from the list below to fulfill the competency area requirement, upon Advisor and DGS approval for the M.S. in S&TC. See the graduate catalog for more information on these graduate-level minors.

If a minor, from the list of approved minors (below), is applied for and approved by the Minor-granting department, then Minor coursework can be applied under UMN Coursework on the Graduate Degree Plan (typically 3-4 courses). The M.S. advisor and the Minor advisor/DGS must sign GDP.

Graduate-Level Minors

- Bioethics
- Bioinformatics
- Cognitive Science
- Conflict Management
- Human Factors / Ergonomics
- Human Genetics
- Human Rights
- International Education

MS Degree Completion Steps

First Year

In March of your first year complete the department's Graduate Student Progress Report. You will be notified by the department with instructions.

Second Year

In the first semester of your second year, complete the [Graduate Degree Plan \(GDP\) Form](#), available online in Degree Completion Steps. [Degree Completion Steps](#). Discuss it with your advisor and obtain advisor's signature.

Submit the signed, approved GDP form to the CLA Graduate Programs office in 113 Johnston Hall **at least one term prior** to your anticipated term of certificate completion. A GDP can take 4-8 weeks to process. A sample GDP is shown below.

Final Semester

Once the Graduate Degree Plan form is approved by the Graduate School, download their Graduation Packet which contains the Application for Degree form and Final Report form. Complete and submit The Graduate Application for Degree form to the Office of the Registrar by the first business day of the month you intend to graduate.

Also, from the packet, complete and submit the signed Final Report Form to the Graduate Student Services and Progress Office in One Stop (333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall) by the last business day of the month you intend to graduate.

Follow instructions provided to you by the Graduate School. During the 2nd or 3rd week of the month you apply to graduate, you will receive an email communication from the Graduate School to your U of M email address. The email will either

- alert you to remaining requirements that must be completed in order for your certificate to be awarded;
or
- confirm that you have completed all certificate requirements and inform you of the date upon which your certificate will be awarded.

MS Degree Completion Steps

Note: Step 2, the SC Final Exam Committee is not required for the MS



DEGREE COMPLETION STEPS

Master's Plan B

Master's Plan C

In order to receive your degree, the following procedures must be completed. You must maintain active student status by registering every fall and spring semester until your degree is awarded. All forms must be submitted to the Graduate Student Services and Progress (GSSP) office unless otherwise noted. Contact your graduate program office for program-specific requirements, deadlines, and to determine if your program requires a committee.

1 Complete Graduate Degree Plan

See the degree completion steps page for your graduate degree plan form: <https://onestop.umn.edu/degree-completion-steps>

2 Assign members to master's final exam committee

If applicable, complete at least one semester prior to exam via: <https://onestop.umn.edu/examination-committees>

3 Download Graduation Packet

The packet will include the Graduate Application for Degree form and the Final Examination Report/Final Report form. <https://apps.grad.umn.edu/secure/gradpacket/>

4 Submit Application for Degree

Apply by the first day of the anticipated month of graduation. Application instructions: <https://onestop.umn.edu/academics/apply-graduate>

5 Submit Final Examination Report/Final Report

Submit by the last business day of anticipated month of graduation

Questions?

Contact the Graduate Student Services and Progress office (333 Robert H. Bruininks Hall).

<https://onestop.umn.edu/contact-gssp>

Degree Progress & Completion

gssp@umn.edu

612-625-3490

Internships (optional)

M.S. students who plan to specialize in industry or government but have no technical communication experience may want to consider finding an internship. Internships provide experience in a professional environment and give direct exposure to the ethics and responsibilities of practice. The experience also builds confidence in your ability to synthesize and apply course work. To earn 3 credits, you must complete a minimum of 120 hours of internship work, work with your advisor or DGS to outline the work and reports involved, and register for 3 credits of WRIT 5196: Internship in Scientific and Technical Communication. The three credits may be applied toward the 9 credits required in a related field competency area.

Funding

Funding for S&TC students is not available from Writing Studies (i.e., fellowships, grants, and graduate instructorships). Please check the [Graduate School website](#) for other opportunities.

Expectations, regular progress, forms and graduation

The student is responsible for completing and filing their GSSP forms, which are required for progress and graduation (GDP, Final Report form, Application for Degree, etc.). The student will not be cleared for graduation unless all requirements are properly fulfilled. Please contact the Graduate Programs Administrator for assistance with departmental signatures. You are expected to follow deadlines and rules; if you have questions ask your advisor, the Director of Graduate Studies (DGS), or the Graduate Programs Administrator.

Each student will need to file an approved Graduate Degree Plan (GDP) indicating the courses that will be taken. Completion of the MS program requires completion of the indicated courses, with a grade of B or better and with an overall GPA in MS course work of 2.80 or better. No capstone course or final exam will be necessary for students to complete this certificate program; however, a Final "Report" form must be submitted.

The MS in S&TC student should meet once a year with his or her advisor to complete and discuss an annual report of progress. Students must make satisfactory progress by meeting grade and progress standards. Students having exceptional difficulties maintaining progress should meet with their advisors to discuss whether or not a letter to the Director of Graduate Studies, explaining the need for an exception to the progress rules, is in order. A faculty committee will then determine whether or not to grant an exception.

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The Department of Writing Studies limits registration in GRAD 999 to one semester only.

MS Transfer Credit Information

MIN 21 credits MAJOR course credits (includes Transfer credits)

MIN 9 MINOR or OTHER (includes Transfer credits)

Up to 6 TRANSFER credits allowed (includes MAJOR and MINOR or OTHER)

A course can only be used to fulfill the major field requirements or those of the minor/other for the same degree; it cannot be used for both.

GDP Non-negotiable: 30 total courses, with 2.8 GPA.

Up to 15 course credits from the Scientific and Technical Communication CERT program can be transferred to the MS under U of M coursework (under MAJOR).

A maximum of 8 credits shared in common between two University master's degrees:

Students who complete one master's degree at the University of Minnesota and subsequently return to seek a second master's degree from the University may apply ("double count") up to 8 course credits from their first master's degree to a subsequent master's degree, subject to approval by the second University graduate program. Thesis credits may not be applied from a completed University master's degree to another University master's degree. The adviser and DGS are responsible for determining the courses, number of credits and which requirements they fulfill.

Transfers credits from a 'quarter' system (instead of semester), must be calculated to semester credits (x 2.333). For example, a 3-credit quarter class = 2 semester credits, a 4-credit quarter class = 2.67 and a 5-credit quarter class = 3.33.

Students are required to provide the adviser with a syllabus of the transfer course(s) and transcripts, if needed. The DGS/adviser and student make the determination to accept the transfer courses based on relevancy to the WRIT program, the student's area of concentration, and whether the courses fit into the MAJOR or MINOR/OTHER category and fulfill the GDP requirements.

Graduation

Apply to Graduate, Graduation Checklist, and Diploma

Sample Graduation Packet: [CERT Grad Pack](#) and [MS Grad Pack](#)

Arts, Sciences and Engineering Graduate Commencement (ASE)

- Eligibility, Cap and Gown Rental, Ceremony Details, FAQs, Family and Friends
- Check with your committee advisor or DGS to find out who will hood you at the ceremony.

Faculty

- Faculty Graduation Registration and Regalia
- My Advisees (Go to MY and click on "My Advisees")

Resources

Online

[Writing Studies](#)

UMN Graduate School

One Stop GSSP - Graduate Student Services and Progress (student assistance)

Facebook

Twitter

LinkedIn

You Tube

Thesis Formatting and Submission

The Graduate School- Quick links, Thesis submission, Templates, etc. [Gradshare](#) for publishing a dissertation

Preparing Future Faculty

Center for Educational Innovation

Special Purpose

Readmission: Application for readmission to program.

Academic & Professional Development

ODGE: Diversity in Graduate Education

[Accessible U](#)

[Boynton Mental Health Resources](#)

[Council of Grad Students](#)

[Women's Center, Office of Equity and Diversity](#)

[International Student and Scholar Services \(ISSS\)](#)

[Disability Resource Center](#)

[Student Counseling Services](#)

Funding

Grad School Fellowships and Grants

Travel Grants

Council of Graduate Students (COGS) - resources

Grad and Professional Student Assembly Travel Grants

Thesis Research Travel Grants

U of M Job site (RA, TA, other positions)

Listservs

ATTW: Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Listserv

Writing Across the Curriculum

Professional Organizations

ATTW: Association of Teachers of Technical Writing

CCCC: Conference on College Composition and Communication

MLA: Modern Language Association

RSA: Rhetoric Society of America

UMPSG: Professional Student Government

Research

Charles Babbage Institute (CBI)

History of information technology

Lynda Software Training and Tutorials

Writing Studies Librarian: Kate Peterson

Kerlan Collection Children's literature archives

The Givens Collection: African American Literature

Library Access after Graduation [Alumni access](#) to the library

[ELM - Electronic Library for Minnesota](#)

Can help for graduates staying in Minnesota

[Friends of the Library](#)

An option for borrowing items

[Email Account](#)

Graduated students may retain lifetime access to their Google Apps accounts, however, see the **Alumni Accounts** section below for important notes on how to retain this access.

Alumni Accounts: As long as the account is accessed at least once every 90 days through the Web Interface, the account will remain active.

Alumni

[Department of Writing Studies Alumni](#)

[Alumni Association](#)

[Department of Writing Studies Alumni & Friends](#)