

SPOW Checklist

Use this checklist to keep track of the courses you take to fulfill your Study and Practice of Writing (SPOW) specialization. You can find a list of pre-approved SPOW courses online:

<https://www.umass.edu/english/study-and-practice-writing>.

Other courses may be approved on a case-by-case basis. You are encouraged to meet with a SPOW advisor (Solberg, Toomey, or LeCourt) to discuss how to best focus your coursework based on your interests and career goals.

When you have completed your SPOW requirements, submit this for, to Celeste Stuart in South College E345. You will also need to fill out a Declaration of Specialization form (available in South College E345).

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Your name: _____ Class: _____

You must complete a minimum of five (5) courses, as outlined below, with a minimum grade of a C.

_____ **Category A: Public/Civic writing**

You must take at least one (1) Public/Civic writing course

Course number and title: _____

_____ **Category B: Professional Writing**

REQUIRED COURSE: English 379: Introduction to Professional Writing

_____ **Category C: Theories of Writing**

You must take at least one (1) Theories of writing

Course number and title: _____

_____ **Category D: Electives**

You must take at least two (2) electives from the A, B, or C categories.

An **internship** in writing or publishing may count toward one of your SPOW electives (requires approval from a SPOW advisor). English 491AC — Career Exploration for English Majors may also be counted as an elective.

Course number and title: _____

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_____ **Technology requirement:** At least 1 of your 5 courses must have a writing technology designation.