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 form, to Celeste Stuart in South College E345. You will also need to fill out a Declaration of Specialization form (available in South College E345).

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.