

Writing, Public Speaking, and Critical Reasoning Minor

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Do you believe that reasoned discourse is foundational to democracy and to social change to build a better, more just society? Are you passionate about citizenship and the art of argument? Do you see yourself engaging your listeners through the power of dialogic reasoning? If your answers to these questions are yes, you will thrive with a minor in writing, public speaking, and critical reasoning.

The UO's innovative program will help you to develop your ability to write well, speak effectively in public, and think critically—some of the most valuable skills for life in a globalized world.

Minor in Writing, Public Speaking, and Critical Reasoning

The minor in writing, public speaking, and critical reasoning prepares undergraduates for active and effective participation in the complex, diverse, and ever-changing communicative situations they will face after graduation.

Code	Title	Credits
Select two courses in writing from the following: ¹		8
WR 123	College Composition III	
WR 320	Scientific and Technical Writing	
WR 321	Business Communications	
ENG 413	Theories of Literacy	
ENG 420	The Art of the Sentence	
WR 423	Advanced Composition	
Select two courses in rhetoric from the following (at least one of which must be ENG 200 or ENG 330): ¹		8
ENG 200	Public Speaking as a Liberal Art ²	
	or ENG 330 Oral Controversy and Advocacy	
ENG 492	History of Rhetoric and Composition	
ENG 493	Modern Rhetorical Criticism	
Select two courses in reasoning from the following: ¹		8
PHIL 103	Critical Reasoning	
ENG 335	Inventing Arguments	
Total Credits		24

¹ Reasoning, Speaking, Writing (ENG 494), Internship: [Topic] (ENG 404) or Laboratory Projects: [Topic] (WR 198) may be taken to satisfy one course requirement.

² If not already taken.