

Transfer Planning Sheet Professional Writing (PWRT)

The following SUNY Cortland courses are recommended by the department to complete prior to transfer. The transfer credit limit from a 2-year college is 64 credits. All classes are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. [SUNY Transfer Path](#) courses are underlined and notated in blue. Transfer students who have completed SUNY General Education prior to attending SUNY Cortland will have met their General Education requirements at SUNY Cortland.

SUNY General Education/Cortland Degree Requirements (42-43 credits)

Course I will complete at my current college:

- Communication 1 (GEC1)*
CPN 100 Writing Studies I
- Communication 2 (GEC2)*
CPN 101 Writing Studies II
- Communication – Presentation (GECp)*
- Diversity: Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice (GEDI)*
- Mathematics (GEMA)*
- Natural Sciences (GENS)* (3-4 cr)
- Humanities (GEHU)
- Social Sciences (GESS)
- US History & Civic Engagement (GEUS)
- World History & Global Awareness (GEWH)
- World Languages (GEWL)**

*Indicates required SUNY General Education Category

**A foreign language course at the intermediate level II (202) is required for this major. Sign language is NOT acceptable as a foreign language for this major.

Major Requirements (9 credits):

- PWR 212 Writing Fiction (will also fulfill GE The Arts)
- PWR 213 Writing Poetry (will also fulfill GE The Arts)
- PWR 398 Business Writing

Although not required, CAP 100 Intro to Computer Applications is recommended.

Electives (12-13 credits)

Total: 64

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The program requirements pertain to the Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students currently on SUNY campuses should consult their academic advisor for additional choices in general education categories when any course is recommended.

- To view all required courses for the program and Cortland's General Education courses, see the most current undergraduate [Catalog](#).
- Use the [transfer equivalency tables](#) to choose equivalents at your transfer college.
- If you plan to transfer before you complete your associate's degree, you can still earn your degree via [Reverse Transfer](#).

About Professional Writing

Open the doors to a range of exciting careers with a professional writing degree. You'll be prepared with a strong technical foundation and communication skills, while also realizing your creative potential. As a confident and well-trained communicator, you'll have an edge over your peers in the job market.

Career Potential

- Editor
- Journalist
- Web Designer
- Communications Manager
- Marketer
- Grant Writer
- Technical Writer
- Scientific Writer
- Medical Writer
- Creative Writer

What Will I Learn?

- Develop an awareness of the principles of rhetorical analysis and rhetorical composition.
- Produce, assess, and attune your own writing for different audiences and genres.
- Prepare and synthesize information for both experts and the general public in a variety of contexts, mediums, and technologies.
- Gain the ability to use writing ethically—to ask questions, find answers, and create meaningful change for both local and global communities.
- **Think critically about what “writing” means and consider the historical, present, and future roles of writing in both the traditional classroom and outside of the academy.**

Applying to Cortland

- SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Online [application](#). Choose just one way to apply; both require a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- If you apply to Cortland using the SUNY application, SUNY will waive the \$50 application fee for transfer students graduating with an associate degree from a SUNY or CUNY college, who apply directly to Cortland for baccalaureate programs.
- Fall applicants should apply by March 1. Spring applications should apply by November 1.
- After [applying](#), students must send transcripts from all colleges attended and a high school transcript.