

ADMISSIONS

To be admitted to the MTPC program, you will need the following:

- bachelor's degree in any field
- 3 letters of recommendation
- strong academic record
- competitive GRE General Test scores
- writing sample that demonstrates excellent communication skills
- letter of intent

Your writing sample may be academic (such as an 8- to 10-page research paper) or professional (such as a proposal, a technical manual, or a similar document). The letter of intent should explain why you are interested in the MTPC program.

If you are interested in receiving a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) or other financial support for your first year, you must complete and submit your application by **January 15**.

For the most current information about the admission process, please consult the MTPC website at aub.ie/mtpc.



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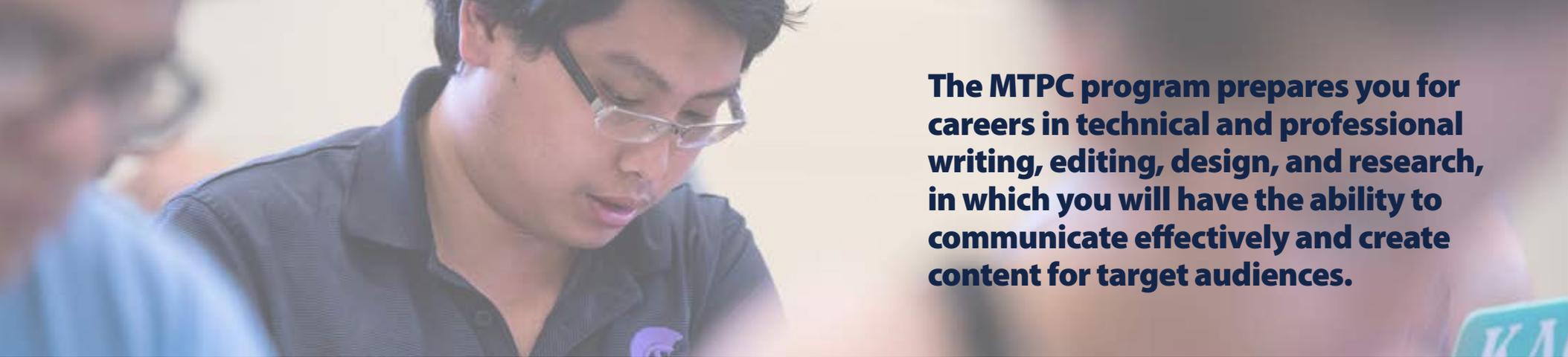


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The MTPC program prepares you for careers in technical and professional writing, editing, design, and research, in which you will have the ability to communicate effectively and create content for target audiences.

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In Auburn's MTPC program—the only one of its kind in Alabama—you will learn the theory and practice of technical communication and prepare yourself for a job as a writer, editor, information analyst, web developer, or proposal specialist, as well as other interesting and often well-paid positions. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, technical writers will continue to be in demand, and our graduates can do far more than write. Moreover, the MTPC program also can prepare you for doctoral study in technical and professional communication.

Classes are taught by full-time MTPC faculty with both academic and workplace experience. The MTPC program will provide you with opportunities to practice document design, writing, editing, web development, and production techniques for online and print media.



REQUIREMENTS

You will complete a minimum of 32 semester hours of coursework beyond the bachelor's degree. Students may take these courses in any sequence:

Five required courses (14 hours):

- ENGL 7000: Technical and Professional Editing (3 hours)
- ENGL 7010: Technical and Professional Communication: Issues and Approaches (3 hours)
- ENGL 7060: Web Development (3 hours)
- ENGL 7080: Document Design in Technical and Professional Communication (3 hours)
- ENGL 7940: GTA Practicum (2 hours)

Three elective courses in English (9 hours) approved by your advisory committee.

Three additional courses in English or in a coordinated minor (9 hours).

You may select additional courses in English or courses in a coordinated minor from a range of programs, including communication and journalism, political science, and education foundations, leadership, and technology. Your choice of courses depends on your qualifications and professional goals. These courses must be approved by the chair of your advisory committee.

To graduate, you will develop an academic portfolio of work acceptable to your advisory committee, present the portfolio, and pass an oral exam. Your advisory committee serves as your examining committee.

Our program does **not** have a foreign language requirement or a thesis requirement.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are a full-time student, you may be eligible for a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA). The GTA not only will provide a competitive stipend and a tuition waiver but will also offer experience teaching at Auburn University.

The MTPC program offers one first-year fellowship—the Department of English Fellowship for Technical and Professional Communication. The Donald H. Cunningham Academic Award for Excellence in Technical and Professional Communication is awarded to either a first-year or a second-year student.

CAREERS

More than 90 percent of MTPC graduates were employed as technical communicators or teachers almost immediately following graduation. Many have moved from their first jobs to higher-paying positions with greater responsibility. To learn about how you can apply your degree, visit STC.org, the website of the Society for Technical Communication. Graduates also go into allied fields, and some have entered PhD programs and are now university faculty.



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

Our department also offers a Graduate Certificate in Technical Communication, which consists of the most practical courses offered in our Master of Technical and Professional Communication (MTPC).

For current employees in business or industry, the Graduate Certificate in Technical Communication may lead to an increase in job responsibilities and perhaps salary. The application for the Certificate program doesn't require the GRE.

Current graduate students at Auburn University may be able to pursue the GCTC along with their other coursework. Further, for students who find that they want to continue coursework in technical and professional communication after completing the Certificate, the 12 hours can be transferred into the MTPC program.

It is important to note, however, that admission to the MTPC program is not automatic upon completion of the Graduate Certificate in Technical Communication. To be admitted to the MTPC program, you will need to submit a standard application through the Graduate School. This application will be reviewed by the MTPC faculty. If you are admitted, the 12 hours from your GCTC will be transferred and applied to the MTPC program.