



UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Masters in Professional Writing



Admission Requirements

Those who have completed Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities and Social Sciences or related areas such as Education, Law, Business Studies and Public Policy and from a recognized University are eligible to apply. Graduates from other universities and colleges are also eligible for admission.

The candidates should have a minimum of three (3) years of work experience in government, private or public sector. Teachers, public servants, police officers, law and order

enforcement officers will be encouraged to apply.

All students must complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Writing (PGDPW) before admission to the MPW. Students enter MPW via the PGDPW.

The candidates must be fluent in English and also must be computer literate.

Academic Staff

There are three convenors in the program.

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Targeted Consumer Groups

The program is open to students seeking value added career and those professional seeking professional help and knowledge of writing, editing, and professional communication techniques.

It is also for professionals in the work place who wish to upgrade skills and qualifications. It is for professional in the teaching sector who wish to upskill themselves in areas of writing, editing, and analysis.

A pathway to earning a postgraduate degree after first degree in Literature and English Communication or related areas.

Program Description

The Masters in Professional Writing Program (MPW) is designed to fill the void in professional writing and communications in the workforce, especially in government and areas of industry where skills of writing are critical to the effectiveness of the profession. It targets mid- to senior level staff with experiences in the workforce who need to add value to their productivity.

The program targets individuals with a need to improve their knowledge base and skills in written expressions and business communication. It also provides the opportunity for senior officers whose profession requires written reports that are succinct and clear in communication.

Program Objectives

- To train professionals in written communications and develop competency in written expressions.
- To train readers as editors and develop proficiency in written communication.
- To train professionals in writing and editing skills used in professional environment.
- To fulfill the School's strategic intent of being at the forefront of liberal arts education provider.
- To provide support courses to other divisions within the School.
- To prepare students for advance training at composition studies and other post graduate degrees.
- To fulfill the university's strategic intent of being an innovative educational service provider.
- To provide key courses for upskilling professionals in education, public service and other areas requiring core communication skill offered on flexible delivery.

Courses Offered

Post-graduate Diploma in Professional Writing

Year 1 – Semester 1

Semester	Course Name	Course Number	Credit Points
1	Advance Technical Writing	4.61101	5
1	Rhetoric and Writing in Professional Communities	4.61102	5
1	Non-fictional Writing	4.61103	5
1	Critical Writing	4.61104	5

Year 1 – Semester 2

Semester	Course Name	Course Number	Credit Points
2	Project Management and Documentation	4.61105	5
2	Proposal Writing	4.61106	5
2	Professional Editing	4.61107	5
2	Imagining Papua New Guinea through Australian Eyes	4.61108	5

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Year 2– Semester 1

Semester	Course Name	Course Number	Credit Points
1	Issues in Technical and Professional Writing	4.61109	5
1	Content Strategy	4.61110	5
1	Textual Analysis	4.61111	5
1	Digital Writing Platform	4.61112	5

Year 2 – Semester 2

Semester	Course Name	Course Number	Credit Points
2	Unwriting Oceania: Indigenous Literary Criticism	4.61113	5
2	Research Methods	4.61114	5
2	Advanced Professional Writing	4.61115	5
2	MPW Major Research Paper	4.61116	5