



# ACADEMIC MAP TO PROFESSIONAL WRITING



NORTHWESTERN STATE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ENGL 1010 – Composition & Rhetoric I						3	C
	MATH 1035 – Contemporary Mathematics or MATH 1020 – College Algebra						3	
	SCI 1010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science I						3	
	FREN 1010 – Introduction to French or SPAN 1010 – Introduction to Spanish						3	
	ENGL 2120 – Intro to Creative Writing						3	C
	UNIV 1000 – The University Experience						1	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ENGL 1020 – Composition & Rhetoric II						3	C
MATH 1060 – Finite Mathematics or MATH 1090 – Trigonometry						3	
SCI 1020 – Basic Concepts of Biological Science I						3	
HIST 1010 – Early World Civilization, HIST 1020 – Modern World Civilization, HIST 2010 – History of the United States, or HIST 2020 – History of the United States						3	
FREN 1020 – Beginning French or SPAN 1020 – Beginning Spanish						3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 2	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ENGL 2070 – World Literature Survey						3	C
	FREN 2010 – Elementary French or SPAN 2010 – Elementary Spanish						3	
	SCI 2010 – Basic Concepts of Physical Science II						3	
	PSYC 1010 – General Psychology, PSYC 2500 – Developmental Psychology, SOC 1010 – Principles of Sociology, or EPSY 2020 – Child and Adolescent Psychology						3	
	Academic Elective						3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
FA 1040 – Exploring the Arts						3	
FREN 2020 – Intermediate French or SPAN 2020 – Intermediate Spanish						3	
COMM 1010 – Oral Communication, COMM 2500 – Interpersonal Communication, or PHIL 1010 – Introduction to Philosophy						3	
ENGL 2610 – Analytical Writing						3	C
ENGL 3230 – Technical Composition						3	C

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 3	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ANTH 1510 – Ways of Humankind, ANTH 2020 – General Anthropology, ECON 2000 – Macroeconomics, GEOG 1010 – World Regional Geography-The Developed World, GEOG 1020 – World Regional Geography-The Developing World, or PSCI 2010 – Government of the United States						3	
	ENGL 2510 – Argumentative Writing						3	C
	ENGL 3190 – Foundations of English Grammar						3	C
	ENGL 3610 – Introduction to Digital Culture						3	C
	Academic Elective						3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ENGL 3200 – Advanced Grammar or ENGL 4110 – Fundamentals of Linguistics						3	C
ENGL 3210 – Advanced Composition						3	C
Rhetorical Theory Elective*						3	C
Academic Elective						3	
Academic Elective						3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 4	SEMESTER 1				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
	ENGL 4800 – Principles of Research						3	C
	ENGL 4040 – Advanced Technical Report Writing or ENGL 4790 – Grant Writing						3	C
	Upper-level English Elective*						3	C
	Upper-level English Elective*						3	C
	Academic Elective						3	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits \_\_\_\_\_

SEMESTER 2				Milestones	Grade	Credits	Minimum Grade
ENGL 4810 – Senior Seminar						3	C
Rhetorical Theory Elective*						3	C
Upper-level English Elective*						3	C
Academic Elective						3	
Academic Elective						2	

Semester Credits \_\_\_\_\_

Total Credits **120**

\*See University Catalog for course options that fulfill this elective.

**YOU'VE FINISHED!**

- Major Requirement
- Milestone
- Concentration Electives
- Academic Electives



**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Semester Credits = 120 | Concentration Electives = 39 | Academic electives = 23

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.