



Assistant Professor—Search 67325
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Department of Writing and Linguistics

The Department of Writing and Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences invites nominations and applications for the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of Writing and Linguistics with a specialization in Technical and Professional Writing. Georgia Southern University, classified as a doctoral/research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a member of the University System of Georgia. As the largest and most comprehensive research institution in southeast Georgia, the University is a residential campus of more than 20,500 students representing 48 states and 89 nations.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Georgia Southern offers a comprehensive array of baccalaureate degrees and selected master's and doctoral programs through eight colleges: Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Information Technology, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Public Health, Science and Mathematics, and Graduate Studies. With an emphasis on academic distinction, excellent teaching, research, and student success, Georgia Southern offers both undergraduate and graduate students an attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery, and personal growth.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state. Comprising more than 900 acres, the University grounds are an arboretum-like treasure featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic ponds, and soaring pines. Located in Statesboro, a safe Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents not far from Savannah and Hilton Head Island, Georgia Southern provides the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a smaller college.

Within this setting, the Department of Writing and Linguistics houses an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree that combines theoretical knowledge of language usage and structure with practical writing skills in multiple genres. Students who major in Writing and Linguistics take coursework in four areas—Professional and Technical Writing, Creative Writing, Linguistics, and Writing Studies. In addition, Technical Writing is offered as a minor, as a second discipline for Information Technology students, and as a concentration for the Online Bachelor of General Studies. The Department houses First-Year Writing and is active in the profession by hosting a site of the National Writing Project, as well as national and regional professional conferences.

Position Description. Reporting to the Chair of the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Assistant Professor of Professional and Technical Writing requires teaching (both online and face-to-face classes), research, and service. The ideal candidate will contribute to the growth and development of the Professional and Technical Writing area and the online Bachelor of General Studies program, along with other Department programs and activities (which may include First-Year Writing). The position is a ten-month tenure-track appointment teaching three courses per term (six courses per year), and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer teaching is optional but available.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in a field relevant and suitable to the Department of Writing and Linguistics—either Technical, Professional, or Scientific Writing; Rhetoric and Composition; or a closely-related field. The degree must be in hand by August 1, 2016.
- Scholarly agenda in the area of Technical, Professional, or Scientific Writing, or a closely-related field.
- At least one year of part-time college-level teaching experience (graduate assistant teaching experience is permissible).
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Evidence of demonstrated excellence in teaching at the college level, or two or more years of college-level teaching.
- Experience teaching Professional and Technical Writing courses.
- Peer-reviewed publications in Technical, Professional, or Scientific Writing, or other relevant fields.
- Experience developing and teaching online courses and programs.
- Working knowledge of professionally relevant tools and technologies.
- Interest or experience in writing grants or relevant consulting.
- Relevant industry and professional experience.

Screening of applications begins October 26, 2015, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2016. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a statement of teaching philosophy with emphasis on your approaches to teaching professional and technical writing both face-to-face and online; a one-page research agenda; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications and applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu> or <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/> or <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/writing/>. Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities and who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Associate Provost.