

The Pearce Center

The Roy and Marnie Pearce Center for Professional Communication was founded by Roy Pearce, the President of the Class of 1941, and his wife in 1989 with an endowment because they believe that students from all disciplines should be able to communicate effectively. Therefore, the goal of the Pearce Center is to help students become better prepared for the communication responsibilities in their chosen professions.

In order to achieve this goal, a large amount of time and effort has been administered to the Communication-acrosss-the-Curriculum (CAC) program. Numerous workshops are held throughout the year for faculty from disciplines across the University. In addition, a research team has been developed to study problems and methods within

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the communication field. For example, the team recently researched plagiarism as it pertains to the various disci-

plines across campus. Workshops were held in conjunction with the Rutland Center for Ethics and its 2002-2003 Presidential Colloquium on Academic Integrity and the Integrity of the Academy. Other projects include the Guest Speaker Program for Technical Writing and the Clemson Digital Portfolio Institute.

A Corporate Advisory Board checks to ensure that the skills being taught are valuable to industry and the business world and that Clemson students are functional in all realms of communication upon graduation. The Corporate Advisory Board will hold its Spring Meeting on April 3 -4, where students will be able to meet and interview the board members.

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Graduation Information

To be eligible as a candidate for the May 2003 graduation, students must file the GS4, the application for diploma, by January 28. Additionally, you should order your cap, gown, and Master's hood before January 31.

For students planning to graduate in August of 2003, the GS2 must be filed with the Graduate School by January 29. Because the college Dean and the Program Director must sign the GS2, you should begin the process early. Dr. Howard must sign as the Program Director; however, he must receive the form by January 23. NOTE: All students must be able to defend their chosen cognates.

Thesis Committees

Putting together a thesis/project committee requires planning. You must have a committee in order to take the orals and to submit the GS2. It would be useful to begin organizing the committee as soon as you have decided what your thesis or project will be. Then, you can have the committee members sign the Thesis/Project Committee Request Form (available online at: http://www.clemson.edu/caah/mapc/PDFs/Project_Thesis_Committee_Report_Form.pdf).

Summer Graduation

Summer Graduation is possible for MAPC students, but it can be difficult since faculty members are often not in the Clemson area during the summer terms. Many faculty members are nine-month employees of the University and are not paid to work during the summer, so though faculty often want to help students graduate in August, it can be a complicated situation. Students who are graduating in August need to be sure that when they ask faculty members to be on their committee that they will be in Clemson during the summer and that they are twelve-month employees.

Spring 2003 Dates to Know

Martin Luther King, Jr.:	* January 20
Spring Break:	* March 17 - 21
Fall Registration:	March 31
Final Exams:	April 26 - May 3
May Graduation:	May 9

* Classes will not meet; MATRF will be closed.

Projects

For students completing the MAPC program with the Project option, there are several requirements that students need to be aware of. To register for ENGL 892: Master's Project, a student must have Dr. Howard's permission first. This class is different than ENGL 891: Thesis Research, in that students must complete certain requirements to pass. A student needs to have a GS2 on file and a signed committee request form before being able to register to ENGL 892.

To find a listing of what needs to be included in the project portfolio, go to page 9 and 10 of the MAPC handbook. The handbook and forms are available online at: <http://www.clemson.edu/caah/mapc/resource.htm>. For students who complete these steps, their finished project portfolio should be signed off by the student's committee by April 18th, with it being submitted for review by their committee six weeks beforehand.

MATRF Hours

MATRF Hours for the semester are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9 AM - 4:30 PM	9 AM - 11 AM	9 AM - 4 PM	9 AM - 11 AM
7:30 PM - 10 PM	1:45 PM - 3:30 PM	6:45 PM - 10 PM	1:45 PM - 3:30 PM 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
10 AM - 11:15 AM 12:30 PM - 5 PM	12 PM - 4 PM	2 PM - 6 PM	

Summer 2003 Course Listings

Session I

ENGL 831: Principles of Effective Web Design

Session II

ENGL 690: Advanced Business and Technical Writing