

Writing Grants for All Professions

Are you an English major? If your answer is no, you might think the posts on an English Department blog or Facebook page don't pertain to you. You might think reading this is a waste of your time. Please, don't click away. Don't bail on this now. I have something to share that you may have never thought would mean anything to you.

In the 2015 Fall semester at FMU, one of the English Department professors is teaching a Grant Writing course. As an English major, and more specifically, a Professional Writing major, I'm extremely interested in this course, but what I want to convey to you non-English majors today is how this course can help someone in other concentrations.

Are you...

...an **Education** major? Grant writing is a huge part of being an educator or administrator. A [blog post](#) on the National Education Association states that they awarded "roughly \$750,000" in grants in 2006. Can you imagine how that number has grown in almost 10 years?!

...a **Business** or **Marketing** major? Working for a non-profit company or organization requires an influx of money somehow, right? What if the organization has a slow year or years like during the recession of 2008? Someone better be able to create a cash flow, and if that person is you because you know how to write a grant, you could greatly boost your credibility in your boss's eyes.

...a **Nursing** major? I know what you're thinking. "Wait a second...you mean healthcare needs grant writers?" Oh, absolutely. The American Hospital Association says that out of the 4,974 community hospitals in the country, over half of those are not-for-profit. That means that over 2,900 hospitals in the United States rely on money from foundations or grants. Be the nurse or administrator that can write the grant. You will become indispensable.

I could go on and talk about how grant writing is prevalent in a lot more aspects of business, but these three majors listed above are three of the [most popular majors at Francis Marion](#). These are the majors that could very greatly benefit from taking Dr. Hanson's grant writing course.

What are you waiting for? Sign up!