GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Graduate Council MODIFIED/DELETED Certificate, Concentration, Track, or Degree Program
Coordination/Approval Form

(Please complete this form and attach any related materials. Forward it as an email attachment to the Secretary
of the Graduate Council. A printed copy of the form with signatures should be brought to the Graduate Council
Meeting. If no coordination with other units is requires, simply indicate “None” on the form.

Title of Program/Certificate, etc: M.A. English Track in Professional Writing and Editing

Level (Masters/Ph.D.): Masters

Please Indicate: ______ Program ______ Certificate ______ Concentration ______ Track

Description of the change in the certificate, concentration or degree program:

Changes include requiring a new course, ENGL 501, Introduction to Professional Writing and Editing
(currently coming before Graduate Council, syllabus attached). Research methodology course work was
previously restricted to ENGL 701, Literary Scholarship, and has now been expanded to include ENGL 506,
Research for Narrative Writing as an alternative. The previous categories of “nonfiction writing” (3 credits)
and “professional courses” (9 credits) have now been combined in one category of 12 credits. 3 credits of
electives have been eliminated.

The new catalog description of the track will read as follows:

M.A. in English, Track in Professional Writing and Editing

1. 3 credits in ENGL 501, Introduction to Professional Writing and Editing
2. 3 credits in research methodology, either ENGL 506 or ENGL 701
3. 12 credits in professional courses and nonfiction writing courses
4. 9 credits chosen from designated courses in rhetorical studies, literature and literary theory, linguistics,
cultural studies, film and media studies, and folklore
5. 3 credits in ENGL 799, Thesis
6. Foreign language proficiency as described in the general requirements, above.

Approval from other units: NONE

Please list those units outside of your own who may be affected by these. Each of these units must approve this
change prior to its being submitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

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Submitted by: ___________________________  Email: __________

Graduate Council approval: ___________________  Date: __________

Graduate Council representative: ___________________  Date: __________

Provost Office representative: ___________________  Date: __________