Two Majors Explain Why They Chose ETC

Though they come from different hometowns, sophomore Abigail Schisler and freshman Abigail Turner both study English and Technical Communication (ETC) at Missouri S&T, and both have found a program that fits their interests and goals.

Abigail Schisler

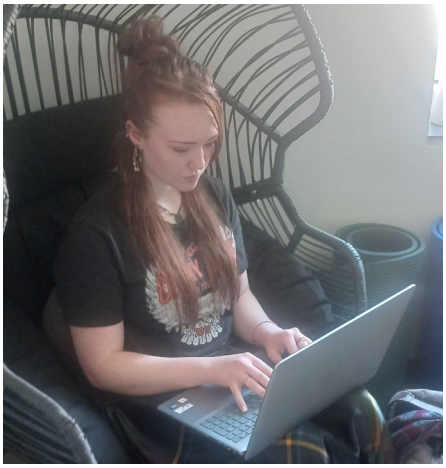
Schisler, a double major in ETC and History, grew up in the Rolla area and had long heard about S&T. When it came time to choose a major, she followed advice from her high-school teachers.

"I grew up here; I live here now. I always heard such great things about the university, and I've always loved English," she said. "When I talked to my high school English teachers, they all recommended the English and tech com program."

Schisler said her classes have been shaped by engaged professors who care deeply about what they teach. "They know what they want us to learn, and they want us to learn it," she said. She plans to pursue a career in law and feels confident that her ETC studies have prepared her well.

Her sister, Katherine, graduated from S&T's ETC program with secondary education certification in May 2025, so she is continuing the family connection to the department.

Sophomore Abigail Schisler, from the Rolla area, is a double major in English and Technical Communication and History.



First-year student Abigail Turner, from Lebanon, Missouri, says she enjoys the creative freedom in ETC assignments and looks forward to every class, especially Introduction to ETC.

Abigail Turner

Turner, who came to S&T from Lebanon, just 60 miles southwest of Rolla, began her studies in Fall 2025. She chose the university for practical reasons, since it was close to home and affordable, and soon discovered how much the ETC program has to offer.

"I look forward to attending all my ETC classes," she said. "Especially Intro to ETC."

Turner said she appreciates "the freedom to exchange ideas" and "the ability to have a creative interpretation of an assignment," something she believes "most other majors on campus probably are not able to have."