Comparative Literature

Degrees Offered

BA Comparative Literature

Prerequisite for entering the major

None

Concentrations

BA Literature & Comparative Cultures Concentration

BA Literary Translation Concentration

BA Intensive Language Concentration

BA Film Concentration

Requirements for each concentration

12 term courses (including senior req)

LITR 130 and 1 from LITR 140, 143, or 348

LITR 130 and LITR 348 (or equivalent)

LITR 130 and LITR 140

LITR 130 and LITR 143 (or equivalent)

Period Requirement

At least 1 course in three of five historical periods:
Antiquity, Medieval, Early Modern, 19th Century, 20th-21st Centuries

"In-Language" Literature Requirement

2-3 courses (depending on concentration) in a language other than English.
1 L4, but remaining courses (1 or 2) must be L5 level

Theory Requirement

1 course that involves literary or cultural theory (see DUS for course list)
Film concentration students must take one FILM theory course

2 electives

2 electives that engage with translation or translation studies

2 electives in second foreign language (one at L5 level)

3 electives from Film and Media Studies department

Senior Requirements

One-term Senior Essay (LITR 491)

or

Two-term Senior Essay (LITR 492 and 493)

Substitutions

DUS may approve one advanced language class in lieu of 1 non-English literature course

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