COMPARATIVE LITERATURE MAJOR

Requirements

Early in their program of study and in consultation with the comparative literature major adviser, students choose to take courses and write their thesis in one of the following areas of study:

- Literature across the languages
- Literature and diaspora studies
- Literature and the humanities, sciences or social sciences (e.g., anthropology, philosophy, political science or the natural sciences among others)
- Literature and film or media
- Literature and the creative arts
- Comparative theories

Course Title Credits

Major Requirements

One of the following classes
- COLI 3000 Literary Theories
- ENGL 3000 Literary Theories
- ENGL 3045 Theory for English Majors

Electives

Select at least two comparative literature courses numbered COLI 3001 or above
Select at least two foreign language and literature electives ¹
Select up to three elective courses (3000 and above) chosen from among cross-listed courses from other departments ²

Capstone

A senior capstone seminar (4000 and above), open to juniors with permission. This capstone course varies in topic, and has a seminar format and a strong theoretical component

Thesis

COLI 4998 Senior Thesis Tutorial in Comparative Literature (All majors are required to write a thesis under the direction of an adviser and a second reader.) ³

1 Any two courses (normally in the same language) offered by the departments of Modern Languages and Literatures (listed here) or Classical Languages and Civilization (listed here) numbered 2500 and above. These courses will allow the students to demonstrate an ability to read and analyze literary texts written in a language other than English.

2 (e.g., African and African American studies, communication and media studies, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, political science, visual arts) or interdisciplinary programs (e.g., Latin American and Latino studies, Medieval studies, urban studies, women's studies) appropriate to the student's program of study or concentration.

3 Proposals must be approved at the end of the student’s junior year.

In addition, in their senior year students participate in the Senior Project Roundtable, which offers them the opportunity to present and discuss their final projects in a public forum with faculty and students from comparative literature and other disciplines.

Majors are encouraged to pursue a study abroad program, usually in their junior year. It is strongly recommended that students who plan to pursue graduate work in comparative literature develop a reading knowledge in a second foreign language.

Comparative literature majors may take courses at Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Lincoln Center only if these courses are offered under the COLI subject, or are officially cross-listed.

Availability

The major in comparative literature is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, and Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum.

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