

COMPARATIVE WORLD LITERATURE

College of Liberal Arts

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Career Possibilities

Creative/Media Writer • Editor • Technical Writer • Librarian • Copywriter • Literary Agent • Literary Critic • Foreign Service Officer • Public Relations Worker • Market Researcher • Educator • Lawyer • Government Affairs Officer • Management Trainee • Underwriter • Claims Adjuster (Some of these, and other careers, require additional education or experience. For more information, see www.careers.csulb.edu.)

Bachelor of Arts in Comparative World Literature (120 units)

The Bachelor of Arts in Comparative World Literature has three emphasis options:

- 1) World Literature in Translation
- 2) Cultural Studies
- 3) Language and Literature

Emphasis I: World Literature in Translation

The World Literature in Translation emphasis allows students to explore a variety of literatures in a flexible curriculum adapted to their interests, with the goal of developing applied skills and global competencies.

Requirements

A minimum of 36 units distributed as follows:

Lower Division (12 units):

6 units 100-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 100, CWL 101, CWL 103, CWL 104, CWL 124, CWL 132, CWL 161

6 units 200-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 205, CWL 210, CWL 213, CWL 220

Courses which fulfill the GE C2a designation may be substituted for CWL lower-division courses. For other possible lower-division substitutions, see department advisor.

Upper Division (24 units)

Take both of the following:

CWL 330A Masterpieces of European Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

CWL 330B Masterpieces of European Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

And one of the following:

CWL 361 Masterpieces of Literary Criticism (3)

Prerequisite: None

CWL 365 Cultural Studies: Histories, Theories, and Issues (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or instructor's consent.

Take 6 units 300-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 300, CWL 305, CWL 315, CWL 334, CWL 342, CWL 344, CWL 346, CWL 349, CWL 350, CWL 366

Take 9 units 400-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 402, CWL 403, CWL 404, CWL 406, CWL 410, CWL 414, CWL 420, CWL 422, CWL 430, CWL 432, CWL 435, CWL 437, CWL 438, CWL 440, CWL 445, CWL 448, CWL 449, CWL 451, CWL 452, CWL 453, CWL 461.

Emphasis II: Cultural Studies

Cultural Studies is the interdisciplinary study of literature and other forms of cultural expression within social and historical contexts. This emphasis offers a core of literature classes and an interdisciplinary pattern of cultural studies courses from the Liberal Arts.

Requirements

A minimum of 36 units distributed as follows:

Required courses (9 units):

CWL 330A Masterpieces of European Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

CWL 330B Masterpieces of European Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

CWL 365 Cultural Studies: Histories, Theories, and Issues (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or instructor's consent.

6 units 300-level CWL or CLSC courses chosen from:

CWL 305, CWL 334, CWL 342, CWL 344, CWL 346, CWL 349, CWL 350, CWL 361, CWL 366; CLSC 310, CLSC 312.

9 units 400-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 402, CWL 403, CWL 404, CWL 406, CWL 410, CWL 414, CWL 420, CWL 422, CWL 430, CWL 432, CWL 435, CWL 437, CWL 438, CWL 440, CWL 445, CWL 448, CWL 449, CWL 451, CWL 452, CWL 453, CWL 461.

Elective Courses in Cultural Studies

12 upper-division units in appropriate cultural studies courses, including additional Comparative World Literature classes or Category F capstones, drawn from the following departments or areas: American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Art History, Asian and Asian American Studies, Africana Studies, Chicano and Latino Studies, Classics, Dance, English, Film and Electronic Arts, History, Religious Studies, Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, or other appropriate departments and areas of study. Consult a department advisor about courses which will count toward the Cultural Studies emphasis.

Emphasis III: Language and Literature

The traditional undergraduate major in Comparative Literature, encouraging language acquisition, designed to prepare the student for graduate study in Comparative Literature or related fields.

A minimum of 42 units distributed as follows:

Lower Division (12 units):

6 units 100-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 100, CWL 101, CWL 103, CWL 104, CWL 124, CWL 132, CWL 161.

6 units 200-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 205, CWL 210, CWL 213, CWL 220.

Courses which fulfill the GE C2a or C2c designation may be substituted for CWL lower-division courses.

For other possible lower-division substitutions, see department advisor.

Upper Division (24 units):

Take both of the following:

CWL 330A Masterpieces of European Literature (3)
Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

CWL 330B Masterpieces of European Literature (3)
Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

And one of the following:

CWL 361 Masterpieces of Literary Criticism (3)
Prerequisite: None

CWL 365 Cultural Studies: Histories, Theories, and Issues (3)
Prerequisite: One course in literature or instructor's consent.

Take 6 units 300-level CWL or CLSC courses chosen from:

CWL 300, CWL 305, CWL 334, CWL 342, CWL 344, CWL 346, CWL 349, CWL 350, CWL 366; CLSC 310, CLSC 312.

Take 9 units 400-level CWL courses chosen from:

CWL 402, CWL 403, CWL 404, CWL 406, CWL 410, CWL 414, CWL 420, CWL 422, CWL 430, CWL 432, CWL 435, CWL 437, CWL 438, CWL 440, CWL 445, CWL 448, CWL 449, CWL 451, CWL 452, CWL 453, CWL 461.

Foreign Language Requirement

6 units upper-division foreign language courses, including at least one literature course. For this emphasis, a year of a second foreign language study is encouraged but not required.

Minor in Comparative World Literature

This minor provides a flexible program for the student who is majoring in another discipline.

Requirements

A minimum of 15 units in Comparative World Literature, of which at least 9 are upper division excluding:

CWL 499. Directed Studies (1-4)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

The Center offers two programs. Undergraduate students can pursue a certificate or a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Graduate students can pursue a certificate. Interested students should turn to "Medieval

and Renaissance Studies" in this catalog and/or contact the program directors in MHB 512.

Comparative World Literature Courses (CWL)

LOWER DIVISION

100. Introduction to World Literature (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any GE Foundation course.

Readings in translation from world literature. Emphasis on how literature engages unique cultural elements around the world as well as cross-cultural comparisons.

101. Introduction to Comparative World Literature (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any GE Foundation course.

Introduction to basics of literary interpretation and comparative literature. Strongly recommended for majors in Comparative World Literature.

103. Introduction to Comparative Asian Literature and Culture (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any GE Foundation course.

Introduction to India and China cultures through an exploration of their literatures, cultures, and diasporas. Focus will be on the modern period.

104. Literature and Culture of the Middle East (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any GE Foundation course.

Introduction to Middle Eastern and North African culture through an exploration of their literatures, with a focus on some of the major figures of the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries, such as Naguib Mahfouz, Ghassan Kanafani, Edward Saïd, and others.

Letter grade only (A-F).

124. Introduction to World Theatre and Drama (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: Any GE Foundation course.

Introduction to all aspects of theatre including criticism, dramatic literature, movements, themes, historical background and theatrical production from different parts of the world.

132. World Mythology (3)

Prerequisite: None

An introduction to the study of mythology in global context, with an emphasis on literary content and cultural perspective.

Not open for credit to students with credit in CWL 232.

161. Reading the World (3)

Prerequisite/Corequisite: ENGL 100 or GE Composition (Area A1).

Introduction to contemporary theories of reading and interpretation. Examination of diverse forms of human expression and critical understanding from around the world and across the disciplines designed to develop and refine a broad repertoire of reading tools and practices.

205. Digital Literature and Culture (3)

Prerequisites: Completion of the GE Foundation courses

Introductory survey of digital literature and culture from early experiments to contemporary uses of internet technology and interactive platforms. Combines historical and cultural backgrounds with comparative and analytical skill development necessary for understanding digital literature in local and global contexts.

210. Erotica, Love, Romance: Literary and Cultural Representations (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of 6 units in Category A, GE foundation requirement

Explores interdisciplinary representations of eroticism, love, and romance across history and cultures, including diverse contemporary representations of love and sexuality.

213. Visual Studies: Comics and Graphic Novels (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements

Introductory study of Comics and Graphic Novels across cultures and within global contexts by emphasizing visual narrative storytelling as well as the political, social and visual trends that have shaped the powerful creative industry of comics around the world.

215. From Cradle to Crypt: Representations of Lifespan (3)

Pre-requisites: ENGL 100 or GE Composition (Area A1)

Pre-requisites/Co-requisites: ANTH 120 or HDEV 180 or PSY 100 or SOC 100

This course explores representations of the lifespan, from birth to death, highlighting interdisciplinary approaches to understanding literary and cultural texts in comparative and global contexts.

Same course as HDEV 215. Not open for credit to students with credit in HDEV 215.

220. Literature and Play (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Explores interrelation of human physiological, social, and psychological states of being in culturally and historically diverse works of literature concentrated on the nature of human play and the purpose of human games.

UPPER DIVISION

General Education Category A must be completed prior to taking any upper-division course except upper-division language courses where students meet formal prerequisites and/or competency equivalent for advanced study.

300. Representing the World: Literature and Culture in Contact and Conflict (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation and upper-division status. Students must have scored 11 or higher on the GEAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GEAR Writing Intensive Capstone.

A writing-intensive exploration of world literature in comparative and cultural contexts, with an emphasis on themes and topics of global relevance.

305. Science Fiction and Global Technologies (3)

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation and upper-division status. Students must have scored 11 or higher on the GEAR Placement Examination or successfully completed the necessary portfolio course that is a prerequisite for a GEAR Writing Intensive Capstone.

Comparative study of science fiction as a global discipline, across cultures and time periods, emphasizing technological advances, sociopolitical implications, and imaginative constructions.

315. Literature and Medicine (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary examination of the complex relationship between medicine and human experience, integrating materials from the humanities and social sciences to explore diverse experiences across cultures, between and among genders, and in various economic and social contexts.

Letter grade only (A-F).

320. Comic Spirit (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Study of comedy as a literary genre and of the manifestation of the comic spirit in related art forms such as music, art, and film, focusing on the history and philosophy of comedy as well as theories of laughter.

324. Theatre Today (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Examines current trends, achievements and problems in contemporary western theatre and dramatic literature. Particular attention will be paid to multicultural expression in the theatre.

Same course as THEA 324. Not open for credit to students with credit in THEA 324.

330A,B. Masterpieces of European Literature (3,3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Representative selections, in translation, of European texts to and since the Renaissance, and their relation to the development of Western civilization.

334. Introduction to East Asian Literatures and Cultures (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

A comprehensive introduction to the comparative study of East Asian cultures through the reading of representative selections from the literatures of China, Korea, and Japan in historical context. Focus is on the modern period.

Not open for credit to students with credit in A/ST 334.

342. The Bible as Literature (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements.

Reading of representative Biblical selections interpreted from a literary standpoint.

344. Literature of the Holocaust (3)

Prerequisites: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of literary works of different genres and cultural backgrounds, from 1945 to the present, to analyze the strategies writers use to present the historical events and the cultural reverberations of the Holocaust.

346. Readings in World Poetry (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Representative selections of the poetry of the world from the earliest examples to the present. Facing-page translations will be included.

349. Selected Topics – Literary Movements (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Intensive study of a movement or theme in world literature. Specific movement or theme announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics.

350. Global Literature in American Culture (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Comparative and thematic study of transnational literary culture, as represented in at least three distinct American ethnic groups. Readings examined in relation to contemporary global themes and in relation to the original national literatures.

361. Masterpieces of Literary Criticism (3)

Study of literary criticism from Plato to the present, focusing on history of literary and cultural theory as well as methods of critical analysis applied to literary texts and other forms of cultural expression.

365. Cultural Studies: Histories, Theories, and Issues (3)

Prerequisite: one course in literature or instructor's consent.

Cultural studies in a global, comparative context, including theories of discursive practices and identity politics; examined through theoretical discourses about literature and the arts and also as an interpretive technique for cultural institutions, practices, and products.

366. Classical Stories, Modern Voices (3)

Prerequisite: GE Foundation requirements and upper-division standing.

Comparative readings of ancient literature in a global context, including analysis of classical literary genres and archetypes, their modern interpretations/rewritings, and their echoes in popular culture. Same course as CLSC 366. Not open for credit to students with credit in CLSC 366.

402./502. Selected Topics - Middle Eastern Literature and Culture (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Study of specific authors, themes, genres, movements, or aspects of literature and culture in the Middle East or between the Middle East and the West.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

403./503. Selected Topics - Asian Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Interrelationships of two or more authors, themes, genres, movements or aspects of literature and culture in Asia or between Asia and the West.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

404./504. Selected Topics - Women in World Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Study of the role of women in world literature.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

406./506. Selected Topics - East European Literature and Culture (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Major movements, authors, and themes in Eastern European literature and culture (Slavic and non-Slavic) and/or the relationship of East European literature and culture and Western Europe and North America.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

410. Literature and Music (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Examination of relationship between music and literature in 19th and 20th centuries with emphasis placed on representative literary works and musical compositions that show mutual influences and common features and structures.

412. Art and Literature (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary study of 19th and 20th Century art and literature, emphasizing comparative analysis of styles, methods, principles, and movements across genres as well as major artists, writers and theorists in their social and historical contexts.

414. Medieval World (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary examination of major themes in medieval society and culture, with an emphasis on literature, the arts, and the historical forces that combined to produce medieval culture as a whole.

415. Ethnic Literature and Culture in America (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Comparative, interdisciplinary study of multicultural literature in historical and sociopolitical context. Ethnic groups include Native American, African American, Latino/Latina, Asian American and Middle Eastern American.

420. Selected Topics - Comic Spirit (3)

Prerequisite: CWL 320 or consent of instructor.

Study of specific themes, theories, genres and/or interdisciplinary relationships in comedy.

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

422. Renaissance Theatre and Drama (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary study of the achievements, problems, themes and trends of Renaissance drama in Italy, Spain, France, and England between 1350 and 1650. Major plays of the period are read in translation, with attention to literary and theatrical elements.

430./530. Dante (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

A reading, in translation, of the major works of Dante, including the *Vita Nuova* and the *Divine Comedy*. Examination is also given to the comparative nature of Dante's work: his sources and his influence on later writers, artists, and composers.

432./532. Continental Renaissance Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Comparative study of the major non-dramatic works of Renaissance Europe, including authors such as Petrarch, Boccaccio, Lorenzo de' Medici, Machiavelli, Ariosto, Tasso, Ronsard, Rabelais, Erasmus, and Cervantes. Emphasis is also given to influences, trends, and contributions to the modern world.

435./535. Literature of the Enlightenment (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

A comparative study of European literature, from approximately 1650 to 1800, with an emphasis on reading literary works within historical context and considering the imaginative and intellectual achievements and legacies of the Enlightenment.

437./537. Romantic Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Representative selections, in translation, from European writers of the Romantic period with an emphasis on a comparative study of works from Germany and France from about 1770-1850.

438./538. 20th Century European Literature (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Comparative study of continental European literature from 1900 to present. Focus on novels and drama. Topics include realism, naturalism, psychological novel, theatre of the absurd, existentialism, modernism, postmodernism, and postcolonialism.

440./540. Selected Topics - Latin American Literary Studies (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Comparative study of major literary genres in Latin American literature in relation to principal periods and movements of Western literary tradition.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

445./545. Selected Topics - American Folklore Studies (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Topics chosen to provide a bridge between literary, aesthetic and specialized folkloristic studies of American culture. Special attention paid to European and Third World contributions to American folklore.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

448./548. Selected Topics - Comparative Studies (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Interrelationship of two or more disciplines, with emphasis on reciprocal influences and borrowing of materials during various literary periods. The class will feature a different interdisciplinary study each semester.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

449./549. Selected Topics - Major Continental Writers (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Intensive and comparative study of one to three major continental authors.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

A. Nobel Prize Laureates

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

451. Film and Novel in Society (3)

Prerequisites: GE Foundation requirements, one or more Exploration courses, and upper-division standing.

Interdisciplinary study of two genres, with particular focus on novels made into films and on aesthetic distinction of both forms as major genres in 20th and 21st centuries.

452./552. Selected Topics - Mythology (3)

Prerequisites: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Interrelation of two or more mythologies, mythological themes or theories of mythology. Different areas of study of mythology each semester.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

453./553. Fairy Tales (3)

Prerequisite: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Study of fairy tale as a unique literary genre and art form. Class will apply contemporary theory to tales and identify psychological, religious, cultural, and alchemical patterns and symbols that manifest the realization of identity and illustrate creative processes.

461./561. Selected Topics - Contemporary Literary Criticism (3)

Prerequisite: Two upper-division literature courses or consent of instructor.

In-depth study of a particular critic or movement in contemporary literary theory.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

492. Internship Program (1-3)

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and department chair.

Field work in literature-related industries. Internships and other assignments directed by a supervising faculty member.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

495. Genre (1-3)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Production of student journal, *Genre*, including editing, design, soliciting contributors, working with printer, desktop publishing, and financial management. Organizational meeting previous fall semester. Contact department office for information.

May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units. Credit/No Credit grading only.

499. Directed Studies (1-4)

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Independent study of special topics under supervision of a faculty member.

May be repeated to a maximum of 6 units with consent of department.

GRADUATE LEVEL

501. Advanced Interdisciplinary Study (3)

Intensive study of the theories and methods of comparing and interrelating literature with other disciplines such as various areas among the fine arts, the social sciences and the sciences. Course will involve independent research.

Letter grade only (A-F).

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A. Nobel Prize Laureates

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

550. Selected Topics - Comparative World Literature (3)

Prerequisite: CWL 501 or consent of instructor.

Special studies of movements, figures and relationships in world literature, or between world literature and other disciplines.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

552./452. Selected Topics - Mythology (3)

Prerequisites: One course in literature or consent of instructor.

Interrelation of two or more mythologies, mythological themes or theories of mythology. This class will feature a different area of an interdisciplinary or comparative nature in the study of mythology each semester.

Letter grade only (A-F). May be repeated to a maximum of 9 units with different topics. Topics announced in the *Schedule of Classes*.

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Prerequisite: Two upper-division literature courses or consent of instructor.

In-depth study of a particular critic or movement in contemporary literary theory.

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