COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Literature

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college website: https://las.illinois.edu/
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A candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy degree must fulfill the general
requirements of the Graduate College in addition to those specified for
the master's degree. At least 12 additional gh of work, normally at the
500 level, should be taken in courses regularly offered by the literature
departments; among these, courses cross listed with the program in
comparative literature are especially recommended. The candidate
is responsible for a knowledge of the history of the literature in one
modern language. The student also selects a period of major interest
and is responsible for a knowledge of two other literatures in this period,
which are considered as minors. The periods may be the Middle Ages,
Renaissance, Neoclassicism and the Enlightenment, or the modern
(nineteenth and twentieth centuries). Some chronological variations
in coordinating the minors will be allowed for students studying non-
Western literatures. A preliminary examination, i.e. a four-part written
examination based on the individual program, and an oral examination
with emphasis on the thesis project must be passed. The candidate must
present an acceptable thesis embracing several national literatures and
pass a final oral examination on the thesis.

Graduate Degree Programs in Comparative Literature

Comparative Literature, MA (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
graduate/las/comparative-literature-ma)
concentration:
   Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
   graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies)
Comparative Literature, PhD (p. 1)
concentration:
   Medieval Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/
   graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies)
The Program in Comparative & World Literature offers graduate programs
leading to the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy and
is designed to provide a systematic study of subjects and problems
common to several literatures. Its purpose is to enable students who
have varied linguistic competence and preparation to explore the theory
of literature and criticism; the interrelations of several literatures;
the main currents, periods, and movements in literary history; the
development of literary themes and types; and the relations between
literature and the other arts. We consider the Master of Arts program to
be the first step toward the Ph.D. degree; we expect students admitted to
the M.A. program to receive the M.A. and go on to complete a Ph.D. We
therefore do not offer a formal terminal M.A. program.

Admission
A student entering the program should have an undergraduate major
in Comparative Literature, English, the classics, or a foreign language.
Majors in history and philosophy or other humanistic areas that
present suitable linguistic and literary competence may also be granted
admission by the Admissions Committee. Students entering with a
recognized Masters degree from another university or from another
department of this University have the option of taking the comparative
literature and critical theory component and a literary component of this
program's regular Master of Arts examination at the end of the first year
as a qualifying test. All other students typically take the Master of Arts
examination at the end of their second year as the qualifying exam to
proceed to stage two of the PhD.

Applicants should apply online (www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/
(http://www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply)), submit a statement of
purpose, three letters of recommendation and a writing sample.

Original transcripts showing all undergraduate and graduate work
completed should be sent to SLCL Graduate Student Services, 3070
Foreign Languages Bldg., 707 S. Mathews Ave., Urbana, IL 61801.
Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are required and should
be submitted to institution code 1836. Applicants whose native
language is not English are required to take the Test of English as
a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and must score at least 105 on the
internet-based test (iBT); they must also pass the speaking sub-section
of the iBT with a minimum score of 24 (see www.grad.illinois.edu/
Admissions/instructions/04c). Applications are accepted for fall admission only.
Application questions may be directed to SLCL Graduate Student
Services at slclgradservices@illinois.edu

Graduate Teaching Experience
Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement,
experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate
experience in this program. Non-native English speakers must first pass
a test of their oral English ability (see www.grad.illinois.edu/admissions/
graduate/las/concentration/medieval-studies)
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The Program aims to support all graduate students for five years through
a combination of fellowships, teaching, and other means, but support is
always contingent on the student making timely progress to the degree.
Such progress is measured by course load, taking exams on time, grades,
and other factors.

Admission

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Two courses in the major literature ⁸

One course in each of the minor literatures of specialization ⁸

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Language Requirement: Command of at least three languages besides English. Three of these four languages must coincide with the student's areas of specialization and with the dissertation field.

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Total Hours 64

Other Requirements

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<td>Minimum GPA:</td>
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1 One of these courses must be cross-cultural.

2 For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate handbook (http://www.complit.illinois.edu/Graduate_files/Grad%20Handbook.pdf) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

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