

# COMPARATIVE & WORLD LITERATURE: COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, BALAS

## *for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Comparative & World Literature, Comparative Literature Concentration*

The Major in Comparative & World Literature, Comparative Literature Concentration provides an engagement with two or more literary and cultural traditions, studied in historical depth, in their original languages (6 hours of advanced foreign language required).

Study abroad and work across cultures and disciplines is strongly encouraged. The distribution of course work allows for considerable flexibility. The concentration in Comparative Literature can be easily combined with a major or minor in any national literature, classics, global studies, area studies, ethnic studies, gender and women's studies, or majors and minors in anthropology, art history, cinema and media studies, history, music, philosophy, world religion, the visual arts, or with a certificate in translation studies.

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60 - 75 hours). Please see your adviser.

**Departmental distinction: To be eligible for distinction, a student must have at least a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average and a 3.75 grade-point average in departmental courses, complete a senior thesis (CWL 493), and receive the approval of the departmental honors committee. The departmental honors committee will determine the level of distinction to be awarded.**

### **Comparative Literature Concentration Requirements**

**General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.**

**Minimum required major and supporting course work equate to 39 hours with at least 18 hours of Comparative Literature courses. Twelve (12) hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.**

**Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours. Students will complete 40 hours of upper division coursework (these hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree).**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Language: A minimum of 6 hours of advanced language at the 200-400 level (may be satisfied with a proficiency exam)</b>		<b>6</b>
CWL 202	Literature and Ideas	3
<b>Five core CWL courses chosen from broadly comparative courses, from the following:</b>		<b>15</b>
At least two courses must be at the 300- 400-level. At least one course must be in a period prior to 1800 and one course in a period since 1800.		
CWL 114	Global Consciousness and Lit	
CWL 151	Cross-Cultural Thematics	
CWL 189	Literatures of the Islamic World	
CWL 190	Modern Asian and African Literatures	
CWL 201	Comparative Lit Studies	
CWL 241	Early Masterpieces of Western Culture	
CWL 242	Modern Masterpieces of Western Culture	
CWL 395	Special Topics Comp Lit I	
CWL 441	Themes in Narrative	
CWL 461	Lit Genres and Forms	
CWL 471	International Lit Relations	
CWL 496	Special Topics in Comp Lit II	
<b>Major Literature Coursework- Three courses in a major literature, taught in the original language, at 200-400-level. No more than 2 courses at the 200-level. <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Focus Area Coursework - At least two courses from one of the following focus areas, at 200-400 level. No more than 1 course at the 200-level:</b>		<b>6</b>
Minor Literature: courses in a second national literature, taught in the original language. <sup>2</sup>		
Interdisciplinary: courses in another discipline, such as philosophy, cinema, art history, fine arts, music, religion, science, medical humanities, law, creative writing		
Cultural Studies: courses with a focus on race, gender, class, postcolonialism, environmental studies, or the like		

Area Studies: courses in a geographical area related to major literature (Africa, Middle East, Latin America, South Asia, East Asia, Eastern Europe, the European Union).

**Minimum Required Hours:**

**39**

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*Literature in the Original Language is defined by what is currently offered by the University (i.e. English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, etc.). Literatures generally taught in translation (including, but not limited to, Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Persian, Polish, Russian, and Yiddish) may be chosen in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.*

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*If one of the literatures studied is English, a student who continues in a graduate program in comparative literature will be required to acquire a reading knowledge of a second foreign language (i.e., one foreign language for the B.A., two foreign languages for the M.A., three foreign languages for the Ph.D.).*

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**program website:** <https://complit.illinois.edu/>

**program faculty:** Comparative & World Literature Faculty (<https://complit.illinois.edu/faculty/>)

**advising:** Comparative & World Literature advising (<https://complit.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/>)

**overview of college admissions & requirements:** Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)

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