

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, MASTER OF ARTS

College of Letters & Science

Graduate Study

Thesis-Based M.A. Program in Comparative Literature

The thesis-based M.A. program in Comparative Literature prepares students for doctoral research or professional employment. Our graduate students are supported by a large group of core and affiliated faculty in Comparative Literature. Our faculty hold cross-appointments with the departments of East Asian Languages & Cultures, English, French & Italian, German & Russian, Middle East/South Asian Languages, and Religious Studies. We welcome applications from students with a strong humanities background who wish to strengthen their expertise in comparative literature and criticism.

The program combines core courses on the theory and practice of comparison with broad opportunities for work in specific languages and literatures. Students will write a Masters thesis with the support of a thesis committee and a collaborative thesis-writing group.

Preparation

Consideration for program admission requires evidence of the following:

- A strong undergraduate record in any humanities major.
- Fluent reading, writing, and speaking knowledge in one language that is not the student's native language.
- A clear commitment to the study of a second language that is not the student's native language.

For deadlines and application requirements, see Comparative Literature Graduate Admissions (<https://complit.ucdavis.edu/graduate-admissions/>).

Graduate Advisor

Consult the graduate advising office.