



### ***Twin Cities Campus***

## **Comparative Literature Minor**

*Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature*

### **College of Liberal Arts**

Link to a [list of faculty](#) for this program.

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- Program Type: Graduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Length of program in credits (Masters): 9
- Length of program in credits (Doctorate): 12
- This program does not require summer semesters for timely completion.

Along with the program-specific requirements listed below, please read the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website for requirements that apply to all major fields.

Comparative literature is the oldest field of literary criticism, dating back to the seventeenth century. Among the wide range of studies currently conducted in comparative literature nationally and internationally, this program focuses on theories of literary criticism and its explanatory bases; indeed the program is seen as one of the principal initiators of such fields of study.

This program is likewise engaged in pushing the bounds of critical inquiry in related domains of literary studies, directing much of its energies toward the intersection of literature with other media (in various constellations of word, sound, and image) and of literatures of the global North with those of the global South, engaging problems ranging from narrative to postcolonial studies.

The curriculum emphasizes seminars and directed research. The core requirement is a two-semester Basic Research Seminar (CL 8001-8002) that develops critical and analytic skills and introduces current theoretical perspectives with the study of historical problems. Each entering graduate student also enrolls in courses that focus on developing skills and experience in teaching and other professional domains. Apart from core courses, many courses are nonrecurring and closely relate to current faculty research. A major portion of coursework for degrees in Comparative Literature is cross-listed with the literature and language departments. Approval may also be given to take graduate courses in such areas as anthropology, art, architecture, history, music, philosophy, political theory, and sociology. In all cases, students should consult with their advisors and the director of Graduate Studies concerning course selections.

## **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

## **Prerequisites for Admission**

For an online application or for more information about graduate education admissions, see the [General Information](#) section of the catalog website.

## **Program Requirements**

Use of 4xxx courses towards program requirements is not permitted.

## **Program Sub-plans**

Students are required to complete one of the following sub-plans.

Students may not complete the program with more than one sub-plan.

### **Master's**

#### **Required Courses**

CL 8001 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

CL 8002 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

#### **Electives**



Take 3 or more credit(s) from the following:

- CL 5xxx
- CL 8xxx

**Doctoral**

**Required Courses**

CL 8001 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

CL 8002 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

**Electives**

Take 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- CL 5xxx
- CL 8xxx