



### **Twin Cities Campus**

## **Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature B.A.**

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### **College of Liberal Arts**

- Program Type: Baccalaureate
- Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2017
- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120
- Required credits within the major: 32
- Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Courses in the Department of Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature (CSCL) pursue questions and ways of knowing that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries. Students study literature, film, and culture as sets of complex connections and interrelations: between texts and everyday life, ideas and the material world, discourse and power.

The CSCL major strives for a broad, international scope, ranging widely across history and geography. The central focus is on the ways literature and culture, broadly conceived, disseminate, challenge and reinvent modes of knowing, value systems and individual and collective identities. The program's goal is to produce critical and self-critical readers prepared to actively participate in the intellectual conversations, forms of artistic expression and social struggles that shape global culture in our time.

### **Program Delivery**

This program is available:

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

### **Admission Requirements**

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the [Office of Admissions website](#).

### **General Requirements**

All students are required to complete general University and college requirements including writing and liberal education courses. For more information about University-wide requirements, see the [liberal education requirements](#). Required courses for the major or minor in which a student receives a D grade (with or without plus or minus) do not count toward the major or minor (including transfer courses).

### **Program Requirements**

Students are required to take 4 semester(s) of any second language.

CLA BA degrees require 4 semesters or the equivalent of a second language.

CLA BA degrees require 18 upper-division (3xxx-level or higher) credits outside the major designator. These credits must be taken in designators different from the major designator and cannot include courses that are cross-listed with the major designator. The major designator for the Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature BA is CSCL.

Students must complete a minimum of 10 courses for the major: 2 introductory (1xxx) courses, plus 7 upper division courses. To allow for flexibility, the tenth course may be taken at any level. At least one upper division course in the major must be writing intensive.

In exceptional cases, courses from other units may be substituted for department major courses if approved by the undergraduate adviser or the director of undergraduate studies. All major coursework must be taken A-F.

Students may earn a BA or a minor in cultural studies and comparative literature, but not both.

All incoming CLA freshmen must complete the First Year Experience course sequence.

#### **Preparatory Courses**

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 - 8 credit(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 1001W](#) - Introduction to Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1101W](#) - Literature [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1301W](#) - Reading Culture: Theory and Practice [AH, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1401W](#) - Reading Literature: Theory and Practice [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1501W](#) - Reading History: Theory and Practice [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1201W](#) - Cinema [AH, WI] (4.0 cr)



- or [SCMC 1201W](#) - Cinema [AH, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1202W](#) - Media: Word, Image, Sound [AH, TS, WI] (4.0 cr)
- or [SCMC 1202W](#) - Media: Word, Image, Sound [AH, TS, WI] (4.0 cr)

### Major Courses

Take at least 1 course from at least 3 of the 4 subfields: Discursive Practices and Genres, Subjectivity and History, Ideologies and Disciplines, and Critical Theories and Methods. The remaining courses can be taken in the subfields, or from the Electives course group. At least 5 classes must be 3xxx, and at least 2 courses must be 4xxx or 5xxx. Depending on whether a student takes 6-8 credits of Preparatory Courses, students will need 24-26 credits of Major Courses.

Take 24 - 26 credit(s) from the following:

#### The Subfields

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

##### Discursive Practices and Genres

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 3120](#) - Poetry as Cultural Critique (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3122](#) - Movements and Manifestos [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3310W](#) - The Rhetoric of Everyday Life [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3231](#) - Comedy: Media, Politics & Society [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3221](#) - On Television [CIV] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3212W](#) - Documentary Cinema: History and Politics [AH, CIV, WI] (4.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3251](#) - Popular Music and Mass Culture [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3220W](#) - Screen Cultures [AH, TS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- or [SCMC 3220W](#) - Screen Cultures [AH, TS, WI] (3.0 cr)

##### Subjectivity and History

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 3130W](#) - Colonial and Postcolonial Literatures and Theory: 1700 to the Present [LITR, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3352W](#) - Queer Aesthetics & Queer Critique [LITR, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3351W](#) - The Body and the Politics of Representation [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3334](#) - Monsters, Robots, Cyborgs [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3335](#) - Aliens: Science Fiction to Social Theory [DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3350W](#) - Sexuality and Culture [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- or [GLBT 3456W](#) - Sexuality and Culture [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)

##### Ideologies and Disciplines

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 3210](#) - Cinema and Ideology [AH] (4.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3211](#) - Global and Transnational Cinemas [GP] (4.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3322](#) - Visions of Nature: The Natural World and Political Thought [ENV] (3.0 cr)

##### Critical Theories and Methods

Take 0 or more course(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 3005](#) - Seminar in Critical Thought (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3117](#) - Concepts of Literary Study [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3425W](#) - Critical Theory and Social Change [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3323](#) - Science and Culture [AH] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3405](#) - Marx for Today [AH, DSJ] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3412W](#) - Psychoanalysis [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3413W](#) *{Inactive}* [WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 3111W](#) - Close Reading [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)

#### Electives

##### 1xxx-level Electives

Courses that were taken to fulfill the Preparatory Courses requirement cannot also count towards the Electives course group.

Take no more than 1 course(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 1001W](#) - Introduction to Cultural Studies [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1101W](#) - Literature [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1301W](#) - Reading Culture: Theory and Practice [AH, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1401W](#) - Reading Literature: Theory and Practice [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1501W](#) - Reading History: Theory and Practice [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 1201W](#) - Cinema [AH, WI] (4.0 cr)
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- or [SCMC 1202W](#) - Media: Word, Image, Sound [AH, TS, WI] (4.0 cr)

##### 4xxx and 5xxx-level Electives

Take 2 or more course(s) totaling 6 or more credit(s) from the following:

- [CSCL 5305](#) - Vision and Visuality: An Intellectual History (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 5331](#) - Discourse of the Novel (3.0 cr)
- [CSCL 5411](#) - Avant-Garde Cinema (4.0 cr)
- [CSCL 5666](#) - Film Music: Theory, History, Practice (4.0 cr)



- CSCL 5800 *{Inactive}*(1.0 cr)
- CSCL 5833 - Marx, Freud, Nietzsche: Intellectual Foundations (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5281 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)  
or HIST 5281 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5282 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)  
or HIST 5282 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5401 - Origins of Cultural Studies (3.0 cr)  
or ENGL 5501 - Origins of Cultural Studies (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5555 - Introduction to Semiotics (3.0 cr)  
or CL 5555 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)  
or CSDS 5555 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

#### Directed Study, Internships, and Topics

Students may count a maximum of 3 directed studies courses, internships, and topics courses toward the major. No more than 2 topics courses may count, and no more than 2 directed studies/internships may count.

Take no more than 3 course(s) from the following:

##### Directed Study/Internship

For both internships and directed studies, students work with a faculty member of their choice to complete and submit a Faculty/Student Contract outlining the goals and scope of coursework. The course number of the internship or directed study should be selected appropriate to the home department (3993, 4993, or 5993).

Take no more than 2 course(s) from the following:

- CSCL 3993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5944H *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- CSCL 4993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 3.0 cr)
- CSDS 5993 *{Inactive}*(1.0 - 3.0 cr)

##### Topics

With prior written approval from the CSCL undergraduate adviser or director of undergraduate studies, topics courses may count towards a subfield above.

Take no more than 2 course(s) from the following:

- CSCL 3910 - Topics in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3910H *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- CSCL 5910 - Topics in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
- CL 5910 *{Inactive}*(3.0 - 4.0 cr)

#### Senior Project

The senior project requirement is fulfilled by completing one of the following options as part of the 32-credit graduation minimum:

Take 0 or more credit(s) from the following:

- (1) Completion of a project within a directed study (CSCL 3993, 4993, 5993)
- (2) Completion of a project within a 3xxx or 4xxx course (arrangement with instructor)
- (3) Completion of coursework, including substantial writing, in any CSCL 5xxx course
- (4) Completion of an Honors thesis or project (CSCL 4944H)
- CSCL 5944H *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

#### Upper Division Writing Intensive within the major

Students are required to take one upper division writing intensive course within the major. If that requirement has not been satisfied within the core major requirements, students must choose one course from the following list. Some of these courses may also fulfill other major requirements.

Take 0 - 1 course(s) from the following:

- CSCL 3130W - Colonial and Postcolonial Literatures and Theory: 1700 to the Present [LITR, GP, WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3310W - The Rhetoric of Everyday Life [CIV, WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3212W - Documentary Cinema: History and Politics [AH, CIV, WI] (4.0 cr)
- CSCL 3425W - Critical Theory and Social Change [AH, DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3412W - Psychoanalysis [WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3413W *{Inactive}*[WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3351W - The Body and the Politics of Representation [HIS, WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3111W - Close Reading [LITR, WI] (3.0 cr)
- CSCL 3350W - Sexuality and Culture [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)  
or GLBT 3456W - Sexuality and Culture [DSJ, WI] (3.0 cr)