



Twin Cities Campus

Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society 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 Fall 2019
- 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.

While most traditional humanistic disciplines tend to focus either on a given mode of discourse (e.g., art history, musicology) or a specific cultural context (e.g., American studies, European languages and literatures), this program engages a broader problematic--how discourse and cultural production both shape and are shaped by life in time, space, matter, and society. Drawing on a variety of theoretical positions, close attention is paid to various types of discourse, such as music, film, myth, ritual, architecture, landscape and urban design, painting, sculpture, and literature in elite, popular, folk, and mass culture, understanding these as both a site and an instrument of contestation and negotiation among social forces. More generally, the program seeks to re-associate intellectual and cultural history with social and political history, to set discourse of various sorts within a social context, and to consider specific social formations within the ongoing historical process. In all this, the program encourages work that is interdisciplinary (at times, even anti-disciplinary) as well as cross-cultural. The curriculum emphasizes seminars and directed research.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

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

Prerequisites for Admission

Special Application Requirements:

Students interested in the minor are strongly encouraged to confer with their major field advisor and director of graduate studies, and the Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society director of graduate studies regarding feasibility and requirements.

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.

A minimum GPA of 3.50 is required for students to remain in good standing.

Required Courses (6 credits)

All students pursuing the minor take the following courses:

[CSCL 8001](#) - Basic Research Seminar in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature I (3.0 cr)

[CSCL 8002](#) - Basic Research Seminar in Comparative Literature II (3.0 cr)

Electives (3 to 6 credits)

Masters students select 3 credits and doctoral students select 6 credits from the following, in consultation with the Comparative Studies in Discourse and Society director of graduate studies. Other courses may be applied to this requirement with Comparative



Studies in Discourse and Society director of graduate studies approval.

CSCL 5281 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

CSCL 5282 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

CSCL 5302 - Aesthetics and the Valuation of Art (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5305 - Vision and Visuality: An Intellectual History (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5331 - Discourse of the Novel (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5401 - Origins of Cultural Studies (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5411 - Avant-Garde Cinema (4.0 cr)

CSCL 5555 - Introduction to Semiotics (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5666 - Film Music: Theory, History, Practice (4.0 cr)

CSCL 5833 - Marx, Freud, Nietzsche: Intellectual Foundations (3.0 cr)

CSCL 5910 - Topics in Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature (3.0 - 4.0 cr)

CSCL 8910 - Advanced Topics in Comparative Literature (3.0 - 4.0 cr)

CSCL 8992 - Directed Reading in Comparative Literature (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

CSCL 8993 - Directed Study (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

CSCL 8994 - Directed Research (1.0 - 4.0 cr)

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.

Masters

Doctoral