



University of California, Santa Barbara
Program Learning Outcomes

B.A. in Comparative Literature

Students graduating with a B.A. in Comparative Literature should be able to:

Knowledge of Literary Discourse

- Demonstrate knowledge of different forms and genres of literary writing and the history of their development.

Knowledge of Literary Criticism

- Demonstrate broad familiarity with the development of the field of comparative literary studies and with contemporary comparative methods and approaches to literature.

Rhetorical Skills

- Demonstrate, through oral discussion, the ability to analyze literary texts in a manner that reflects knowledge of methodologies and approaches to literature.

Research Skills

- Write coherent essays on one or more primary texts informed by knowledge of literary interpretative practices as well as by relevant historical, social and cultural considerations.
- Locate, evaluate and integrate secondary research materials into a coherent interpretative essay and to follow established guidelines for citation and referencing.

In addition, students graduating with a Foreign Language emphasis should be able to:

- Demonstrate broad familiarity with literary texts from a variety of national traditions and cultures in comparative context, with emphasis on the historical, cultural and social influences that have shaped these texts.

In addition, students graduating with an Interdisciplinary emphasis should be able to:

- Demonstrate broad familiarity with literary texts from a variety of national traditions and cultures in comparative context, with emphasis on understanding literature's relation to a non-literary discipline such as religious studies, history or media-technology.