



HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 1** Take The National Imagination
- Year 2** Finish your intermediate foreign language courses and start perfecting your writing and reading skills
- Year 3** Take upper-level literature courses. This is the perfect year to go abroad!
- Year 4** Finish your courses and complete the capstone

Introduction to the Major

Storytelling is at the center of human life. Prepare to examine and embrace diverse ways to represent our complex humanity.

The comparative literature major is an interdisciplinary program that will provide you with experiences and skills essential to succeeding in today's complex world. You will develop valuable critical thinking, communication, and creative skills and learn from faculty who research diverse literary traditions around the world, paying particular attention to the way art, literature, film, and diverse cultural productions are developed in constant dialogue with narratives at local, national, and global levels.

CORE COURSES

At least eight courses in literature and related arts, as well as The National Imagination and a capstone, are included in the comparative literature major. You will also take two foreign language courses and demonstrate reading knowledge of a foreign language by completing a literature course in that language. Courses in the major include:

- Analyzing Stories and Poems
- Popular Culture in France
- Contemporary Literary Theory
- Japanese Pop Culture
- Comparative literature capstone

"Engage diverse narrative modes, so you can create your own to challenge convention!"



COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Bachelor of Arts



DESIGN
YOUR
JOURNEY



Explore
and navigate
Clark curriculum



Connect
and engage
with communities



Discover
and pursue
your passions



Develop
professional
skills



Reflect,
design
and plan

YEAR

1

YEAR

2



□ Curious about the major?

Stop by Estabrook Hall to tour the department and introduce yourself to faculty and staff. Explore the comparative literature curriculum.



□ Identify potential Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) courses

There are many courses in diverse departments that can support your educational goals and expand your horizons.



□ Learn about campus resources

Make ClarkYou your default homepage and explore student resources related to academics, campus life, and health and wellness. Go to the Writing Center, visit the Career Lab in ASEC, and log in to Handshake to find career exploration events.



□ Explore campus and the wider community

Find new cultural interests on and off campus. Get involved in the community through the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteering.



□ Pursue your interests

Look into internship, summer job, and research possibilities. Opportunity funding is available through the Career Connections Center (CCC).



□ Try out new experiences

Join a student club such as Caesura Literary Magazine or the Clark Film Production Society.



□ Reflect on what sparks your interest

What new interests have you discovered? What do you want to try? How would you like to develop and apply the skills you are learning?



□ Dig into the major and define your interests

Take The National Imagination, a team-taught class that will allow you to study cultural productions (literature, film, digital productions, journalism, multimedia) from at least three nations.



□ Build your skills

Develop close reading, interpretive, and critical thinking skills that you will use throughout your studies and in your professional life.



□ Develop a professional resume

Use the CCC template. Upload to Handshake for review and feedback. This will help you prepare for any opportunities you want to pursue.



□ Start networking

Connect with faculty and peers to see if there are opportunities you would like to be part of. Join ClarkCONNECT to meet alumni and explore possible internships.



□ Consider study abroad

Visit the Study Abroad Office to learn about opportunities that align with your interests and goals and talk with your advisors about your plans.



□ Keep connecting

How can you connect comparative literature with your other major, minors, concentrations, or academic interests?



□ Reflect on your experiences

What career options are you now considering that you want to test out? What questions do you still need to answer to determine your professional path?

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

JOBS & EMPLOYERS

Graduates pursue careers in education, publishing, law, health care, and other diverse fields at Teach for America, Sun Microsystems, the U.S. government, and more.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Alumni pursue graduate study in education, international relations, law, journalism, and more at top schools including Johns Hopkins, the University of London, and NYU.

YEAR 3

YEAR 4



Go beyond the classroom

Work as a Peer Learning Assistant for one of our language classes. Mentor first- and second-year students. Work with the community through a Problems of Practice (PoP) course.



Pursue your interests

Continue working on your major by taking a variety of courses in different departments and programs to expand your knowledge of literature, and linguistic and cultural traditions.



Prepare for research

Collaborate with program faculty and join faculty-led projects that will provide you with experience and additional research skills.



Get out of here

Study abroad or away to further develop your language skills and broaden your perspective and experience. Total immersion is the best way to develop fluency and deepen your cultural understanding.



Keep networking

Use ClarkCONNECT to meet alumni, learn about their career paths, and make professional contacts. Join the Alumni Job Shadow Program to experience a day on the job in a field of interest.



Consider graduate school

Explore if graduate school is right for you with these resources from the Career Connections Center.



Plan for senior year and beyond

What are your goals after graduation? Connect with your career advisor to strategize and plan.



Pull it together with your capstone

In the capstone you connect the dots and produce meaningful work using your critical thinking, cross-cultural communication, and linguistic skills through a seminar, project, or honors thesis.



No regrets!

What's on your Clark bucket list? Take an elective or two. Make time for things you are passionate about.



Use your resources

Attend career-related events through the Career Connections Center to meet recruiters and learn about opportunities.



Show your work

Present your research or other projects at ClarkFEST in the fall or spring. Share your own work and support your fellow students.



Engage your networks

Seek out mentors in your field and keep connecting with alumni on ClarkCONNECT. Be an active part of the community on campus and beyond.



Get ready to launch

Update your professional profiles including LinkedIn. Find ways to demonstrate qualities such as leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and initiative. Schedule a mock job interview through the CCC to get feedback.



Ask yourself the big questions

Reflect on what you have learned and experienced. How have you changed as a student and a person? How can you apply your values in your life and career? Celebrate your accomplishments!



AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR!

At Clark, your comparative literature education extends beyond the classroom.

The comparative literature major prepares you for an increasingly global world in which people can adapt to diverse situations with a deep understanding of their cultural context. Employers are looking for graduates with critical thinking and communication skills, creativity, and cross-cultural understanding, all of which the comparative literature major strengthens. Many students volunteer and participate in internships in the community to apply their learning, gain real-world experience, and explore ideas for career directions.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Advising

We are here to support your academic and personal journey.

In your first year at Clark, you will be assigned an advisor to help you select your courses. Once you declare your major, comparative literature faculty will advise you.

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