

The Undergraduate Program

Comparative Literature and Society Major

The requirements for the major in Comparative Literature and Society (CLS) consist of a total of 42 points, or fourteen advanced courses in comparative literature and society. This means that one course (but only one) may be used to satisfy two of the requirements listed under 2-6 below. Please note that language courses taken to fulfill the application requirements *do not* count toward the major. In the description below, "affiliated disciplines" refers to the humanities (except the language and literature departments), the social sciences (History, Anthropology, Political Science, etc.), law, and architecture.

- *Introduction to ICLS* (CPLS V3900), normally taken in the spring of the sophomore year
- **two courses** with a CPLS designator, or courses designated as comparative in nature by the various language and literature departments (i.e., CL-- courses)
- **two seminars** (discussion-driven courses at the 3000 or 4000 level) chosen from among the affiliated disciplines
- **two courses** requiring readings in a language other than English, preferably conducted in the target language and for which written assignments are composed in the language as well
- **three courses** in a single national or regional literature and/or culture, chosen from any discipline or school
- **four courses** in literature or any of the affiliated disciplines and related to the student's historical or thematic focus. The focus is a period, theme, problematic, movement, etc., that is explored from an interdisciplinary and/or a comparative perspective.
- *Senior Seminar in Comparative Literature and Society* (CPLS V3991)
- senior thesis (optional)

Students should consult frequently with the DUS to ensure that their program of study develops in consonance with the intellectual project described in the focus statement that was presented as part of the admissions process. The faculty understands that this statement is itself a work in progress, but also that it serves as a useful guide to the student's academic pursuits and course selection.

Comparative Literature and Society majors should also consider the Barnard College course offerings in Comparative Literature. They are also strongly encouraged to avail themselves of the opportunity to study abroad.