

Comparative Literary & Cultural Studies (CLCS) MA Course of Study

Degree Title: World Languages & Cultures MA – CLCS Specialization
 Total hours: 33 course hours plus 6 thesis hours for a total of 39 hours
 Grade required: MA courses require a minimum grade of B

	<p>I. Required Coursework WLC 6600: Introduction to Research and Bibliography (fall) WLC 6410: L2 Methodology (fall) CLCS 6750: Trends in Comparative Literature CLCS 6762: Literary Theory and Criticism: Contemporary</p>
	<p>II. A minimum of four (4) additional graduate courses in CLCS CLCS 6670: Studies in Theme CLCS 6680: Studies in Genre CLCS 6690: Studies in Language and Society CLCS 6740: Studies in Film Criticism CLCS 6880: Directed Reading CLCS 6900: Special Topics *These courses may be taken more than once, if the topic varies.</p>
	<p>III. Area of Exploration Three (3) courses outside of CLCS to explore special interests not covered by CLCS coursework, especially areas necessary to the student’s MA thesis. *These courses should be determined in conjunction with CLCS Graduate Advisor.</p>
	<p>IV. MA Thesis In the second year of their program, students will register for 6 credits of the following course (can be taken in one semester or spread over two): CLCS 6970: Thesis Research: Masters</p>
	<p>V. Language Proficiency Language 1: At least one course in the target language at the 3000 or 4000 level Language 2: Completion of 2020 in a second language or a PhD Reading Course *Both requirements can be met before beginning the MA Program</p>

MA Thesis: completing your degree

Students may write a traditional thesis of approximately 60-100 pp. or a shorter (25-30 pp.) scholarly essay that must be deemed by the student’s advisory committee to be suitable for submission for publication in an academic journal. In exceptional cases, other forms of the thesis may be approved. In all cases, the thesis must meet scholarly standards of critical analysis, research, and proper use of secondary sources.

Students must establish a thesis committee and submit a Thesis Proposal during the spring semester of their first year. Students are expected to conduct substantial research during the summer semester between their first and second year. The student's committee will be responsible for evaluating the acceptability of the student's thesis work. Toward the end of the fourth semester, students will present themselves for a public thesis defense, which is conducted by their thesis committee.