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## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormap](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormap) for the latest version of this major map.

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## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit [complit.berkeley.edu](https://complit.berkeley.edu) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Students can drop-in to 4118 Dwinelle Hall to speak with a major advisor, call at (510) 982-6181, or email questions to [complituga@berkeley.edu](mailto:complituga@berkeley.edu).

### Advising Drop-in Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-12pm, 1-4pm

# COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Bachelor of Arts

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Comparative Literature** major provides students with tools for analyzing texts, writing, editing, translating, and thinking across disciplinary and national boundaries. You will have the opportunity to pursue rigorous research in a variety of literatures according to your interests, engage in team-based projects, participate in discussions about political, aesthetic, and social issues, and develop a nuanced cross-cultural understanding of historical and social processes.

Our students go on to work in a variety of professions, including journalism, media, publishing, translation, theater, and politics, as well as in many roles in the legal, corporate, social, medical, and arts sectors. Additionally, we prepare our students to enter top graduate programs in the United States and abroad.



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“ I want to emphasize how wonderful the professors I had were, not just as instructors but also as people. ”

– Marica Petrey, Class of 2012

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Our students have close contact with cutting edge scholars in their fields in a small classroom setting, with extensive individualized work. Our undergrad majors publish and edit their own journal of comparative literature (CLUJ) and run an annual research conference. Most majors also choose to spend time in study abroad to deepen their cultural and linguistic knowledge.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Present your research at the annual **Undergraduate Research Symposium**.
- Join a student publication such as the **Comparative Literature Undergraduate Journal** or **Cal Literature & Arts Magazine**.
- Deepen your cultural and linguistic knowledge through **study abroad**.
- Develop connections with students and faculty through **Berkeley Connect**.
- Strengthen your skills and graduate school prospects with honors research.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
<b>Explore your major</b>	<p>Meet with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b> to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Familiarize yourself with <b>major</b> and <b>college requirements</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in <b>L&amp;S 1, HUM 10 (Compass Courses)</b>, a <b>R&amp;C</b> course in Comparative Literature, and a beginning language course.</p>	<p>Meet with the major advisor to discuss <b>lower division coursework</b> and <b>declaring the major</b>.</p> <p>Talk to <b>Comparative Literature peer advisors</b> about life in the major.</p> <p>Review the major guidelines for <b>study abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Begin working through your upper division primary and secondary literature courses.</p> <p>Focus on upper division coursework including Introduction to Comparative Literature and Comparative Literature period courses.</p> <p>Review your degree progress with your <b>major</b> and <b>college advisor</b>.</p>	<p>Do a <b>degree check</b> to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Finish remaining <b>major, college, and campus requirements</b>.</p> <p>Complete any “bucket list” courses.</p> <p>Complement your major with a <b>certificate, course thread, or summer minor</b>.</p>	<p><b>Jobs and Employers</b></p> <p>Eng. Teacher in France, TAPIF Fellow, AmeriCorps Freelance Journalist/Musician Grant Writer, Fr. Joe’s Villages Psychologist, Private Practice Tax Consulting, Deloitte Teacher, Pacific Boychoir Acad. Teacher, Teach for America</p> <p><b>Graduate Programs</b></p> <p>Art History, PhD Chinese Literature, Masters Comparative Lit., Masters E. Asian Lang. &amp; Cultures, PhD English Literature, PhD French Literature, PhD German, MA, PhD Journalism, MA Korean Literature, MA Law, JD Medicine, MD Modern Japanese Lit., PhD Psychology, PhD Religions and Politics, PhD Spanish, MA, PhD</p> <p>Examples gathered from the <b>First Destination Survey</b> of recent Berkeley graduates and from <b>Comparative Literature Alumni Stories</b>.</p>
<b>Connect and build community</b>	<p>Get 1:1 mentoring with <b>Berkeley Connect</b>.</p> <p>Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the <b>Student Learning Center</b>.</p> <p>Enroll in L&amp;S 98: College Success in L&amp;S.</p>	<p>Join a student publication such as the <b>Comparative Literature Undergraduate Journal</b> or <b>Cal Literature &amp; Arts Magazine</b>.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Subscribe to the Comparative Literature <b>email list</b> and start attending <b>department events</b>.</p>	<p>Give back by becoming a <b>Comparative Literature peer advisor</b>.</p> <p>Consider becoming a <b>Golden Bear Orientation Leader</b>.</p> <p>Work with peers and graduate students in <b>HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups</b>.</p>	<p>Get support for your thesis project in the <b>Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop</b>.</p> <p>Connect with <b>alumni groups</b> and build your <b>network</b> as you prepare to graduate.</p>	
<b>Discover your passions</b>	<p>Discover new interests in a <b>Freshman Seminar</b> or student-run <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Visit the <b>Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships</b>.</p> <p>Find research and funding opportunities in the <b>OURS database</b>.</p>	<p>Continue exploring with a <b>Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course</b> or <b>Discovery Course</b>.</p> <p>Assist faculty in their research through <b>URAP</b>.</p>	<p>Teach your own <b>DeCal course</b>.</p> <p>Planning a senior thesis or project? Talk with the major advisor or apply to the <b>Haas Scholars Program</b>.</p> <p>Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in <b>HUM120: Entrepreneurship for All</b>.</p>	<p>Undertake an optional <b>honors thesis</b> or independent study.</p> <p>Present at the annual <b>Undergraduate Research Symposium</b>.</p> <p>Submit your work to the <b>Comparative Literature Undergraduate Journal</b>.</p>	
<b>Engage locally and globally</b>	<p>Attend the <b>Calpalooza</b> student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the <b>Public Service Center</b>.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with <b>Berkeley Study Abroad</b>.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an <b>American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course</b>.</p> <p>Go on a service-learning trip with the <b>Alternative Breaks Program</b>.</p> <p>Consider a <b>Berkeley Global Internship</b> in the United States or abroad.</p>	<p>Apply for a leadership position in your student organization.</p> <p>Experience life at another UC or college on a <b>visitor and exchange program</b>.</p> <p>Study abroad through UCEAP, or intern in Washington D.C. with <b>UCDC</b> or <b>Cal in the Capital</b>.</p>	<p>Hone your leadership skills with the <b>Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program</b>.</p> <p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as <b>Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State</b>.</p> <p>Keep pursuing your interests through a <b>fellowship</b> or gap year after graduation.</p>	
<b>Reflect and plan your future</b>	<p>Visit <b>Berkeley Career Engagement</b> and the <b>Career Counseling Library</b>.</p> <p><b>Develop a plan</b> for getting career ready.</p> <p>Set up a <b>Handshake</b> account and sign up for <b>CareerMail</b>.</p> <p>Explore career fields in the <b>Career Connections Networking Series</b>.</p>	<p>Discuss career options and goals with a <b>Career Educator</b>.</p> <p>Check out the <b>Cal Job Shadow Program</b>.</p> <p>Learn about <b>graduate and professional school</b>. See <b>Step-by-Step</b> for planning help.</p> <p>Think about doing an <b>internship</b> and attend an <b>internship fair</b>.</p>	<p>Learn about <b>career fields</b> and conduct <b>informational interviews</b> with people in those fields.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Create or update your resume and <b>LinkedIn</b> profile.</p> <p>Attend <b>career and graduate school fairs</b>.</p>	<p>Utilize <b>job board tools</b> in your job search.</p> <p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Attend <b>Employer Info Sessions</b> and <b>On-Campus Recruiting</b>.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	

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