

Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows in Comparative Literature

The Department of Comparative Literature offers unique opportunities for ambitious students to take full advantage of departmental, college, and University resources. CMLit. Fellows will be able to maximize their academic investment in global perspectives through language and literature. This is excellent preparation for both further educational pursuits (graduate or law school) and career widely varied career opportunities in domestic and international arenas. Students who become Fellows in CMLit. will automatically be admitted to the Schreyer Honors College at the sophomore or junior level.

REQUIREMENTS for the Liberal Arts Fellow in Comparative Literature

- Maintain at least a GPA of 3.4 overall and 3.7 in courses that apply to the major.
- Complete a second major OR a 24-credit minor.
 - Many CMLit. majors currently complete at least two or more majors within the 123-credit minimum. Most Liberal Arts majors are compatible with CMLit., especially English and language majors. However, some of our students complete second majors outside of Liberal Arts, such as Business, Science, or Education.
- Complete a capstone thesis (may count for the Honors thesis).
 - Primary majors in Comparative Literature are generally expected to write a thesis in CMLit. that includes significant work in literature. Students may also write an interdisciplinary thesis that includes work in language, culture, etc.
- Complete a study abroad experience OR a 3-credit internship.
 - The Department of Comparative Literature offers a number of opportunities for students to complete internships as faculty assistants in lower-level language or literature courses. Internships may also be arranged as individual experiences, depending on the student's interest.
 - Students are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a non-English speaking country. Courses taken abroad in language, literature, culture, history, etc., may substitute for some of the requirements in the CMLit. major. In many cases, all of the courses students take abroad will count for BOTH a CMLit. major and a language major.
- Complete an ethics or ethics-enhanced course and substantial leadership or service commitment.
 - The College of Liberal Arts will provide a list of courses that meet the ethics or ethics-enhanced requirement.
 - Leadership or service opportunities may include work with a campus or community service organization. Students may also volunteer as language or writing tutors or serve in various administrative capacities, such as on the Phi Beta Kappa executive committee or the CMLit. undergraduate committee.
- Qualify for the LA Communication Excellence certificate OR complete two additional courses beyond the 12th credit-level proficiency in one foreign language.
- Complete three honors courses in each of the first two years, then fourteen honors credits in the junior/senior block.
 - 400-level courses taken in the first two years of study count as honors courses.

- 500-level courses taken in the junior/senior block count as honors courses.

ADVANTAGES to the Student:

- Completion of a course of study that is exceptional in both breadth and depth.
- Automatic admission to the Schreyer Honors College.
 - The Honors College typically provides students admitted in sophomore and junior years with funding to cover airfare for study abroad experiences. Students who complete both Liberal Arts Fellows and the Schreyer Honors College programs will be so recognized upon graduation.
- Liberal Arts Fellows can expect to receive \$1500-2500 in enrichment support for research, study abroad, or internships.
- Individualized advising. Students will be advised by an honors advisor in the department. This includes a comprehensive, individualized plan of study. Students will be expected to meet with the honors advisor at least ONCE per semester to evaluate progress within the major and the Fellows program.
- Priority registration, as recommended by the honors advisor.
- Participation in special academic and disciplinary communities.
 - Comparative Literature is a small department with many of the advantages of a small liberal arts college within the resources of a major university, providing students with an exceptional depth of experience. The Liberal Arts Fellows program will reinforce this particular disciplinary group, as well as provide students with connections to Fellows in other major and departments, expanding the breadth of the typical undergraduate experience.
- Priority consideration for admission to the CMLit. B.A./M.A. integrated degree program, in which qualified students may complete both degrees in Comparative Literature within five years.
- Access to a special website in ANGEL with specific information pertaining to the major, Honors College, and Fellows requirements.

ADMISSION:

To be considered for admission to the Fellows Program in CMLit., students must meet the [standard Paterno Fellow requirements](#), and also meet the following departmental requirements:

- Complete the paperwork for a primary or concurrent major in CMLit.
- Complete at least ONE CMLit. course with a grade of B+ or better OR attain a GPA of 3.7 or better in courses that count for the major.
- Complete at least ONE semester of a foreign language with a grade of B+ or better OR have AP credits in a foreign language OR be a native speaker of an language other than English
- Meet with an honors advisor in CMLit. to complete an academic plan