Comparative Literature

Assessment Plan for the MA Program

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the M.A. program in Comparative Literature will:

1. acquire a comprehensive knowledge of their three chosen fields within one of our two tracks: (1) Interliterary and (2) Interdisciplinary.

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) results of MA coursework: CPLT 214, CPLT 215A, and CPLT 210, and coursework in their two courses in each of the three literatures (track 1) or two literatures and one interdisciplinary area (track 2) (exact courses vary)
   b) annual progress letter
   c) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper

2. attain proficiency in pedagogy

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) results of coursework in Teaching Requirement course (CPLT 222 or 301)
   b) annual progress letter incorporating evaluations of TA supervisors
   c) student evaluations of TAs

3. demonstrate ability for original research in the intended area of specialization.

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) annual progress letter
   b) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper

4. produce original research in the intended area of specialization

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) annual progress letter
   b) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper
Assessment Plan for the PhD Program

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of the Ph.D. program in Comparative Literature will:

1. acquire a comprehensive knowledge of their four chosen fields within one of our three tracks: (1) Interliterary, (2) Interdisciplinary, and (3) Science Fiction, Science, and Literature.

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) results of required coursework: CPLT 214, CPLT 215A, and CPLT 210
   b) annual progress letter
   c) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper
   d) performance on PhD written and oral qualifying exams

2. attain proficiency in pedagogy

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) results of coursework in Teaching Requirement course (CPLT 222 or 301)
   b) annual progress letter incorporating evaluations of TA supervisors
   c) student evaluations of TAs

3. demonstrate ability for original research in the intended area of specialization, using non-English languages according to their fields

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) annual progress letter: report on language proficiency
   b) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper
   c) performance on PhD written and oral qualifying exams
   d) conference papers

4. produce original research in the intended area of specialization

   **Assessment methods:**
   a) annual progress letter
   b) MA portfolio or comprehensive research paper
   c) publications in academic journals
   d) success on the job market