



INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE
LITERATURE AND SOCIETY
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Application to the Major in Comparative Literature and Society

*Students are encouraged to meet with the DUS prior to submitting the application. All majors are required to meet with the DUS at least once a year.

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To complete your application, email:

- 1) this application form
- 2) a one page academic interest statement
- 3) a copy of your transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

Send AS A SINGLE PDF by January 3rd to icls.columbia@gmail.com named LAST NAME, First Name CLS Major app.

Name: _____ UNI/E-mail: _____

School: _____ Phone: _____

Advisor Name: _____

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Foreign Language #1: 4 semesters of language training (or equivalent) and one semester of introductory literature courses, typically numbered 3330-3350. Indicate Language #1 here: _____

Foreign Language #2: 4 semesters of one language or 2 semesters of two languages. Indicate Language #2 here: _____

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The major in Comparative Literature and Society consists of a minimum of 33 points or 11 courses, distributed as follows. Courses taken to fulfill the application requirements do not count toward the major. With the exception of courses taken to satisfy the global core requirement, double counting of courses to the CPLS major and another program or university requirement must be approved by the DUS

1. Introduction to ICLS (CPLS V3900), taken in the spring of the sophomore year (3 points)
2. Two courses with a CPLS designator. CLXX courses, i.e. courses cross-listed between ICLS and other departments, may also be counted toward this requirement (6-8 points)
3. Two seminars in a humanities or social science discipline other than literature (6-8 points)
4. Two courses requiring readings in a language other than English. (The two courses don't have to be in the same foreign language) (6-8 points)
5. Two courses focusing on a specific national or regional literature or culture, chosen from any discipline (The two courses should focus on the same nation/region) (6-8 points)
6. One elective course reflecting the student's intellectual interests. Additional foreign language study may also be counted with DUS approval (6-8 points)
7. Senior Seminar in Comparative Literature and Society (CPLS V3991)
8. (Optional) Senior Thesis (CPLS 3995) (3 points)