



UC Irvine

English/Literature

Comparative Literature, B.A.

English, B.A.

Major Description

UC Irvine's English major is distinctive in its focus on literary theory and criticism. Students are introduced to the entire range of literatures written in English, from British and American to African, Asian and Australian literatures. The major emphasizes the differences among historical periods and various genres, and encourages exploration of a broad range of literary theories. It also offers students the opportunity to do significant work in creative writing.

The study of comparative literature trains students to express their ideas clearly, do independent research, and think and write analytically and imaginatively. These capabilities will help qualify students for careers in education, law, technical writing, communications, journalism, public relations, business and management. Students are encouraged to investigate various career options before completing their undergraduate education.

Starting Your English/Literature Degree

Lower-Division Major Requirements in English/Literature

From UC's perspective, community college is where you begin working on the first two years of your bachelor's degree. This includes taking lower-division coursework specifically related to your field of study that may be applied toward graduation in your major.

Listed below are the lower-division requirements for **Comparative Literature, B.A.** and **English, B.A.** that may be satisfied with approved community college courses unless otherwise noted. To find out which of these requirements are shared by other UC campuses, see the UC Statewide Transfer Preparation Path in English/Literature.

- Two semester/three quarter courses from the following: British Literature, American Literature, World Literature, Introduction to Poetry, Introduction to Fiction/Novel, Introduction to Dramatic Literature
- At least one course from each of the following areas for a total of four semester/six quarter courses: composition, history and philosophy.

Please note: In fulfillment of the requirements listed above, a single course may be used only once.

- Language other than English (year-two level; the final year-two level course must be taken for a letter grade with a grade of C or higher)

!!! IMPORTANT !!!
All of these requirements do not necessarily have to be completed **before** you transfer. See the next section of this path for what you must do to be competitive for admission.

FIND YOUR COURSES
Every course at your community college that can be used to meet any of the lower-division major requirements is listed at www.assist.org

Becoming Competitive for Admission to English/Literature

Selection Requirements

Important information on selection requirements for admission to the major, including what this campus advises applicants to complete, and by when, is outlined below. It is important to note that meeting these requirements does not necessarily guarantee admission to the campus or major. The stronger your major preparation, the more competitive you will be.

- You are not required to complete certain prerequisites for transfer admission to the Comparative Literature or English major.
- Although not a selection requirement for admission, one year of lower-division writing **must** be completed prior to enrolling in any UCI English, Comparative Literature or Literary Journalism courses.

Satisfying General Education in English/Literature

General Education Requirements

While all UC campuses urge you to focus on your lower-division major requirements while in community college, it is important to remember that general education (GE), or “breadth,” requirements for your bachelor’s degree may also be met with approved community college courses. In fact, some majors require completion of lower-division GE coursework as part of your preparation prior to transfer. The good news is you may be able to double-count some of your lower-division major coursework for related GE requirements.

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a series of courses at California community colleges that students may complete to satisfy GE requirements. Certain students, however, may not be well served by following this GE option. Specific information about satisfying GE requirements as an English/Literature major is listed below.

- You are advised to complete IGETC prior to transfer.

Related Majors

Preparation for the following majors may be similar to the Comparative Literature and English majors described above (consult the campus catalog and www.assist.org).

- Literary Journalism, B.A.