UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

Student Learning Outcomes for the
B.A. Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages

The department of Comparative Literature and Foreign Languages offers majors Chinese, Classics, Comparative Ancient Civilizations, Comparative Literature, French, German, Japanese, Languages and Russian. Students completing the B.A. in these majors should demonstrate the following skills related to literary and cultural texts in a range of genres and media and in texts that arise from cultures other than English speaking ones:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of national literatures in comparison and literary traditions through close readings of primary texts in their original languages and in translation.
2. Demonstrate advanced proficiency in at least one language other than English and familiarity with the culture, literature, and society of the target language.
3. Distinguish and analyze texts – literary and other – in the context of major developments in literary history and in response to global movements and crises creating dynamic intersections of power, peoples, and aesthetic practices.
4. Situate texts within their cultural and historical contexts by integrating and analyzing secondary scholarship and criticism and applying them to primary literary (and other) sources.
5. Construct sophisticated interpretive arguments in writing, ultimately producing original critical essays on research topics of their own design.

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