

# COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Courses offered by the Department of Comparative Literature are listed under the subject code COMPLIT on the Stanford Bulletin's ExploreCourses web site .

The Department of Comparative Literature offers courses in the history and theory of literature through comparative approaches. The department accepts candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. The department is a part of the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/divisionofliteraturesculturesandlanguages>) .

The field of Comparative Literature provides students the opportunity to study imaginative literature in a wide array of contexts: historical, formal, theoretical, and more. While other literary disciplines focus on works of literature within national or linguistic traditions, Comparative Literature draws on multiple contexts in order to examine the nature of literary phenomena from around the globe and from different historical moments, while exploring how literature interacts with other elements of culture and society. We study literary forms such as fictional narratives, performance, and poetry as well as cinema, music, and emerging aesthetic media.

Along with the traditional models of comparative literature that compare two or more national literary cultures and examine literary phenomena in light of literary theory, the department encourages study of the relationship between literature and philosophy and the enrichment of literary study with other disciplinary methodologies. Comparative Literature also encourages the study of aspects of literature that overgo national boundaries, such as transnational literary movements or the creative adaptation of particular genres to local cultures. In each case, students emerge from the program with enhanced verbal and writing skills, a command of literary studies, the ability to read analytically and critically, and a more global knowledge of literature.

## Mission of the Undergraduate Program in Comparative Literature

The mission of the undergraduate program in Comparative Literature is to develop students' verbal and written communication skills, their ability to read analytically and critically, and their global knowledge of literary cultures and the specific properties of literary texts. The program provides students with the opportunity to study imaginative literature with several methods and a consciousness of methodology.

Along with providing core courses that introduce students to major literary phenomena in a comparative frame, our program of study accommodates the interests of students in areas such as specific geographic regions, historical periods, and interdisciplinary connections between literature and other fields such as philosophy, music, the visual arts, gender and queer theory, and race and ethnicity. A Comparative Literature major prepares a student as a reader and interpreter of literature through sophisticated examination of texts and the development of a critical vocabulary with which to discuss them. Attention to verbal expression and interpretive argument serves students who will proceed into careers requiring strong language and communication skills and cross-cultural knowledge of the world.

## Learning Outcomes (Undergraduate)

The department expects undergraduate majors in the program to be able to demonstrate the following learning outcomes. These learning outcomes are used in evaluating students and the department's undergraduate program. Students are expected to demonstrate:

1. the ability to interpret a literary text in a non-native language or to compare literary texts from different linguistic traditions, which may be read in translation.
2. a self-reflective understanding of the critical process necessary to read and understand texts.
3. skills in writing effectively about literature.
4. skills in oral communication and public speaking about literature.

## Graduate Programs in Comparative Literature

The department offers a Doctor of Philosophy and a Ph.D. minor in Comparative Literature.

## Learning Outcomes (Graduate)

Through completion of advanced course work and rigorous skills training, the doctoral program prepares students to

1. make original contributions to the knowledge of Comparative Literature and to interpret and present the results of such research,
2. teach literary analysis and interpretation at all levels with broad historical, cultural and linguistic understanding, and
3. apply such analysis, interpretation and understanding to a range of fields and vocations.

## Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature

The major in Comparative Literature requires students to enroll in a set of core courses offered by the department, to complete electives in the department, and to enroll in additional literature courses, or other courses approved by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies, offered by other departments. This flexibility to combine literature courses from several departments and to address literature from multiple traditions is the hallmark of the Comparative Literature major. Students may count courses which read literature in translation; however, students, and especially those planning to pursue graduate study in Comparative Literature, are encouraged to develop a command of non-native languages.

## Declaring the Major

Students declare the major in Comparative Literature through Axess. Students should meet with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies to discuss appropriate courses and options within the major, and to plan the course of study. Majors are also urged to attend department events such as public talks and conferences.

## Advising

Students majoring in Comparative Literature should consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies at least once a quarter. The chair monitors progress to completion of the degree. Students are also encouraged to develop relationships with other faculty members who may act as mentors.

## Overseas Campuses and Abroad Programs

The Department of Comparative Literature encourages time abroad, both for increased proficiency in language and the opportunity for advanced course work. Course work done at campuses other than Stanford is counted toward the major at the discretion of the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and is contingent upon the Office of the University Registrar's approval of transfer credit. To that end, students abroad are advised to save syllabi, notes, papers, and correspondence.

## Degree Requirements

All majors in Comparative Literature (including honors) are required to complete the following requirements. All courses applied to the major

must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better must be achieved in each core course.

1. **COMPLIT 101 What Is Comparative Literature?** This gateway to the major is normally taken by the end of sophomore year. It provides an introduction to literature and its distinctions from other modes of linguistic expression, and a fundamental set of interpretive skills. This course fulfills the Writing in the Major requirement.
2. **Core Courses (5 units each)**  
Students should complete these courses as soon as possible. Each course draws on examples from multiple traditions to ask questions about the logic of the individual genres.

COMPLIT 121	Poems, Poetry, Worlds	5
COMPLIT 122	Literature as Performance	5
COMPLIT 123	The Novel, the Global South	5

3. **COMPLIT 199.** This senior seminar is designed as a culmination to the course of study while providing reflection on the nature of the discipline. Topics vary.
4. **Electives:** Majors must complete at least 40 units of electives. 15 of the 40 units must be COMPLIT courses. The remaining courses should form a coherent intellectual focus requiring approval from the Director of Undergraduate Studies and may be drawn from Comparative Literature offerings, from other literature departments, or from other fields of interdisciplinary relevance. Up to 10 units of Thinking Matters or SLE courses may be counted towards the elective requirement. Electives are subject to adviser consultation and approval.
5. **Total unit load:** Students must complete course work for a total of at least 65 units.

## Philosophical and Literary Thought

Undergraduates may major in Comparative Literature and Philosophy. The Philosophy specification is not declared in Axxess and does not appear on either the transcript or the diploma. Students in this option take courses alongside students from other departments that also have specialized options associated with the program for the study of Philosophical and Literary Thought. Each student in this option is assigned an adviser in Comparative Literature, and student schedules and courses of study must be approved in writing by the advisor, the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of Comparative Literature, and the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of the program. See the Philosophy + Literature @ Stanford (<http://phililit.stanford.edu>) web site.

A total of 65 units must be completed for this option, including the following requirements:

1. Seven courses taught by Comparative Literature faculty. Of the seven, the following five (5 units each) are required courses:

COMPLIT 101	What Is Comparative Literature?	5
COMPLIT 121	Poems, Poetry, Worlds	5
COMPLIT 122	Literature as Performance	5
COMPLIT 123	The Novel, the Global South	5

The remaining two courses must be instructed by Comparative Literature faculty and approved by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Up to five units of SLE may be counted in lieu of one of these two courses.

COMPLIT 199	Senior Seminar	5
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2. **Philosophy and Literature Gateway Course (4 units):** COMPLIT 181 Philosophy and Literature. This course should be taken as early as possible in the student's career, normally in the sophomore year.

3. **Philosophy Writing in the Major (5 units):** PHIL 80 Mind, Matter, and Meaning. Prerequisite: introductory philosophy class.
4. **Aesthetics, Ethics, Political Philosophy (ca. 4 units):** One course from the PHIL 170 series.
5. **Language, Mind, Metaphysics, and Epistemology (ca. 4 units):** One course from the PHIL 180 series.
6. **History of Philosophy (ca. 8 units):** Two courses in the history of philosophy, numbered above PHIL 100. Up to five units of SLE may be counted in lieu of one of these two courses.
7. **Related Courses (ca. 8 units):** Two upper division courses relevant to the study of philosophy and literature as identified by the committee in charge of the program. A list of approved courses is available from the undergraduate advisor of the program in philosophical and literary thought.
8. One course, typically in translation, in a literature distant from that of the student's concentration and offering an outside perspective on that literary tradition.
9. **Capstone Seminar (ca. 4 units):** In addition to COMPLIT 199 Senior Seminar, students take a capstone seminar of relevance to philosophy and literature approved by the undergraduate adviser of the program in philosophical and literary thought. The student's choice of a capstone seminar must be approved in writing by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of Comparative Literature and by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of the program. Offered this year are:

		Units
COMPLIT 153C	Aesthetics	1-5
FRENCH 246	Body over Mind	3-5
ILAC 240E	Borges and Philosophy	3-5
ITALIAN 246	Body over Mind	3-5

1. **Seminar Paper Requirement:** Students must write at least one seminar paper that is interdisciplinary in nature. This paper brings together material from courses taken in philosophy and literature, and may be an honors paper (see below), an individual research paper (developed through independent work with a faculty member), or a paper integrating materials developed for two separate courses (by arrangement with the two instructors). Though it may draw on previous course work, the paper must be an original composition, 18-20 pages in length. It must be submitted to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and receive approval no later than the end of Winter Quarter in the fourth year of study.

At least two of the courses counted toward requirements 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 must be taught by Comparative Literature faculty. Transfer units may not normally be used to satisfy requirements 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9. Units devoted to acquiring language proficiency are not counted toward the 65-unit requirement.

## Honors Program

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Comparative Literature majors with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or above, and who maintain a 3.5 (GPA) in major courses, are eligible to participate in the DLCL's honors program. Prospective honors students must choose a senior thesis adviser from among their home department's regular faculty, in their junior year, preferably by March 1, but no later than May 1. During Spring Quarter of the junior year, a student interested in the honors program should consult with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies of their home department to submit a thesis proposal (2-5 pages), DLCL Honors application and an outline of planned course work for their senior year.

Honors papers vary considerably in length as a function of their topic, historical scope, and methodology. They may make use of previous work developed in seminars and courses, but display an enhanced comparative or theoretical scope. Quality rather than quantity is the key criterion. Honors theses range from 40-90 pages not including

bibliography and notes. Please consult the DLCL Honors Handbook for more details on declaring and completing the honors thesis.

Honors students are encouraged to participate in the honors college hosted by Bing Honors College ([http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal\\_ual/OO\\_honors\\_BingHonors.html](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal_ual/OO_honors_BingHonors.html)) and coordinated by the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages. The honors college is offered at the end of the summer, during the weeks directly preceding the start of the academic year, and is designed to help students develop their honors thesis projects. Applications must be submitted through the Bing program. For more information, view the Bing Honors ([http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal\\_ual/OO\\_honors\\_BingHonors.html](http://www.stanford.edu/dept/undergrad/cgi-bin/drupal_ual/OO_honors_BingHonors.html)) website.

**Enrollment:** A minimum of 10 units total, described below, and a completed thesis is required. Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th of the terminal year. If an essay is found deserving of a grade of 'A-' or better by the thesis adviser, honors are granted at the time of graduation.

1. Spring Quarter of the junior year (optional): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Drafting or revision of the thesis proposal. The proposal is reviewed by the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and the Director of the department and will be approved or returned for submission.
2. Autumn Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189A Honors Thesis Seminar, 4 units S/NC, taught by a DLCL appointed faculty member. Course focuses on researching and writing the honors thesis.
3. Winter Quarter of the senior year (required): DLCL 189B Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units letter grade, under the primary thesis adviser. Focus is on writing under guidance of primary adviser. The letter grade will determine if honors is granted or not.
4. Spring quarter of the senior year (option; mandatory if not taken during junior year): DLCL 189C Honors Thesis Seminar, 2-4 units S/NC, under the primary thesis adviser. Honors essays are due to the thesis adviser and Student Service Officer no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15th of the terminal year.
5. Spring Quarter of the senior year (required) DLCL 199 Honors Thesis Oral Presentation, 1 unit S/NC. Enroll with primary thesis adviser.

## Joint Major Program: Comparative Literature and Computer Science

The joint major program (JMP), authorized by the Academic Senate for a pilot period of six years beginning in 2014-15, permits students to major in both Computer Science and one of ten Humanities majors. See the "Joint Major Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/undergraddegreesandprograms/#jointmajortext>)" section of this bulletin for a description of University requirements for the JMP. See also the Undergraduate Advising and Research JMP web site and its associated FAQs.

Students completing the JMP receive a B.A.S. (Bachelor of Arts and Science).

Because the JMP is new and experimental, changes to procedures may occur; students are advised to check the relevant section of the bulletin periodically.

### Comparative Literature Major Requirements in the Joint Major Program

See the "Computer Science Joint Major Program (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/schoolofengineering/computerscience/#jointmajorprogramtext>)" section of this bulletin for details on Computer Science requirements.

## Degree Requirements

All majors in Comparative Literature (including honors) are required to complete the following requirements. All courses applied to the major must be taken for a letter grade, and a grade of 'C' or better must be achieved in each core course.

1. COMPLIT 101 What is Comparative Literature? . This gateway to the major is normally taken by the end of sophomore year. It provides an introduction to literature and its distinctions from other modes of linguistic expression, and a fundamental set of interpretive skills. This course fulfills the Writing in the Major requirement.
2. *Core Courses (5 units each)*  
Students should complete these courses as soon as possible. Each course draws on examples from multiple traditions to ask questions about the logic of the individual genres.

		Units
COMPLIT 121	Poems, Poetry, Worlds	5
COMPLIT 122	Literature as Performance	5
COMPLIT 123	The Novel, the Global South	5

3. COMPLIT 199 Senior Seminar: The Pleasures of Reading . This senior seminar is designed as a culmination to the course of study while providing reflection on the nature of the discipline. Topics vary.

4. *Capstone Project:* Senior year, the student enrolls in a 2-unit independent study DLCL 299 with a DLCL faculty member. The faculty member advising this project must sign off on this description. In order to have it approved as their capstone Complit and Computer Science project, the student must submit a description of the project to the Chair of Undergraduate Studies in Complit by May 15 of their junior year or no later than October 1 of their senior year.

5. *Electives:* Majors must complete at least 28 units of electives. 15 of the 28 units must be COMPLIT courses. The remaining courses should form a coherent intellectual focus requiring approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies and may be drawn from Comparative Literature offerings, from other literature departments, or from other fields of interdisciplinary relevance. Up to 10 units of Thinking Matters or SLE courses may be counted towards the elective requirement. Electives are subject to adviser consultation and approval.

## Declaring a Joint Major Program

To declare the joint major, students must first declare each major through Axess, and then submit the Declaration or Change of Undergraduate Major, Minor, Honors, or Degree Program. (<https://stanford.box.com/change-UG-program>) The Major-Minor and Multiple Major Course Approval Form (<https://stanford.box.com/MajMin-MultMaj>) is required for graduation for students with a joint major.

## Dropping a Joint Major Program

To drop the joint major, students must submit the Declaration or Change of Undergraduate Major, Minor, Honors, or Degree Program. (<https://stanford.box.com/change-UG-program>) . Students may also consult the Student Services Center (<http://studentservicescenter.stanford.edu>) with questions concerning dropping the joint major.

## Transcript and Diploma

Students completing a joint major graduate with a B.A.S. degree. The two majors are identified on one diploma separated by a hyphen. There will be a notation indicating that the student has completed a "Joint Major". The two majors are identified on the transcript with a notation indicating that the student has completed a "Joint Major".

## Minor in Comparative Literature

The undergraduate minor in Comparative Literature represents an abbreviated (22 unit minimum) version of the major. It is designed for students who are unable to pursue the major, but who nonetheless seek an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of literature. Plans for the minor should be discussed with the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. All courses must be taken for a letter grade. Up to 5 units of SLE or Independent Study, may count towards one of the four additional Comparative Literature courses with approval from the Chair of Undergraduate Studies. Requirements for the minor in Comparative Literature include:

	Units
COMPLIT 101 What Is Comparative Literature?	5
Select one of the following:	5
COMPLIT 121 Poems, Poetry, Worlds	
COMPLIT 122 Literature as Performance	
COMPLIT 123 The Novel, the Global South	
At least four other Comparative Literature courses.	12-20

## Minor in Modern Languages

The Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages offers an undergraduate minor in Modern Languages. This minor draws on literature and language courses offered in this and other literature departments. See the "Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/schoolofhumanitiesandsciences/divisionofliteraturesculturesandlanguages/#minortext>)" section of this bulletin for requirements.

## Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Literature

University requirements for the Ph.D. are described in the "Graduate Degrees (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/graduadedegrees>)" section of this bulletin.

The Ph.D. program is designed for students whose linguistic background, breadth of interest in literature, and curiosity about the problems of literary scholarship and theory (including the relation of literature to other disciplines) make this program more appropriate to their needs than the Ph.D. in one of the individual literatures. Students take courses in at least three literatures (one may be that of the native language), to be studied in the original. The program is designed to encourage familiarity with the major approaches to literary study prevailing today.

Before starting graduate work at Stanford, students should have completed an undergraduate program with a strong background in one literature and some work in a second literature studied in the original language. Since the program demands an advanced knowledge of two non-native languages and a reading knowledge of a third non-native language, students should at the time of application have an advanced enough knowledge of one of the three to take graduate-level courses in that language when they enter the program. They should be making enough progress in the study of a second language to enable them to take graduate courses in that language not later than the beginning of the second year, and earlier if possible. Language courses at the 100- or 200-level may be taken with approval from the Chair of the department or the Chair of Graduate Studies. Applicants are expected to take an intensive course in the third language before entrance.

Students are admitted under a financial plan which attempts to integrate financial support and completion of residence requirements with their training as prospective university teachers. Tenure as a Ph.D. student,

assuming satisfactory academic progress, is for a maximum of five years.

## Application Procedures

Competition for entrance into the program is extremely keen. The program is kept small so that students have as much opportunity as possible to work closely with faculty throughout the period of study. Applicants should review all course and exam requirements, advancement requirements, and teaching obligations carefully before applying to the program. Because of the special nature of comparative literary studies, the statement of purpose included in the application for admission must contain the following information:

1. A detailed description of the applicant's present degree of proficiency in each of the languages studied, indicating the languages in which the applicant is prepared to do graduate work at present and outlining plans to meet additional language requirements of the program.
2. A description of the applicant's area of interest (for instance, theoretical problems, genres, periods) within literary study and the reasons for finding comparative literature more suitable to his or her needs than the study of a single literature. Applicants should also indicate their most likely prospective primary field, including the literatures on which they intend to concentrate.
3. An explanation of how the applicant's undergraduate education has prepared them for work in our program. If there are any gaps in the applicant's preparation, they should explain how they plan to address those gaps.
4. The applicant's specific reasons for wishing to study in our department of Comparative Literature.
5. All applicants should arrange to have the results of the general section of the Graduate Record Examination sent to Stanford University, ETS code 4704.
6. A letter of recommendation that focuses on the applicant's language skills, or a current ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) certificate, or a critical paper written in a non-native language.
7. Recommendations should, if possible, come from faculty in at least two of the literatures in which the student proposes to work.
8. Applicants must submit a copy of an undergraduate term paper which they consider representative of their best work, preferably containing a comparative analysis.

For further information see the Graduate Admissions (<http://gradadmissions.stanford.edu>) web site.

## Degree Requirements

### Residence

A candidate for the Ph.D. degree must complete three years (nine quarters) of full-time work, or the equivalent, in graduate study beyond the B.A. degree. The student must take 135 units of graduate work, in addition to the doctoral dissertation. At least three consecutive quarters of course work must be taken at Stanford.

### Languages

Students must know three non-native languages, two of them sufficiently to qualify for graduate courses in these languages and the third sufficiently to demonstrate the ability to read a major author in this language. Only the third language may be certified by examination. The other two are certified by graduate-level course work specified below. Language preparation must be sufficient to support graduate-level course work in at least one language during the first year and in the second language during the second year. Students must demonstrate a reading knowledge of the third non-native language no later than the beginning of the third year.

Literatures made up of works written in the same language (such as Spanish and Latin American) are counted as one. One of the student's three literatures usually is designated as the primary field, the other two

as secondary fields, although some students may offer two literatures at the primary level (six or more graduate courses).

### Teaching

Students, whatever their sources of financial support, are ordinarily required to undertake a total of five quarters of supervised apprenticeships and teaching at half time. Students must complete whatever pedagogy courses are required by the departments in which they teach. The department's minimum teaching requirement is a total of three quarters.

### Minimum Course Requirements

Students are advised that the range and depth of preparation necessary to support quality work on the dissertation, as well as demands in the present professional marketplace for coverage of both traditional and interdisciplinary areas of knowledge, render these requirements as bare minimums. The following are required:

#### 1. Required Courses:

COMPLIT 369	Introduction to the Profession of "Literary Studies" for Graduate Students	1-2
DLCL 301	The Learning and Teaching of Second Languages	3

- A sufficient number of courses (six or more) in the student's primary field to assure knowledge of the basic works in one national literature from its beginnings until the present.
- At least two additional complementary courses, with most of the reading in the original, in each of two different national literatures. Students whose primary field is a non-native language are required to take two courses in one additional literature not their own.

Minimum course requirements must be completed before the student is scheduled to take the University oral examination. These requirements are kept to a minimum so that students have sufficient opportunity to seek out new areas of interest. A course is an offering of 3-5 units. Independent study may take the place of up to two of the required courses, but no more; classroom work with faculty and other students is central to the program. The principal conditions for continued registration of a graduate student are the timely and satisfactory completion of the university, department, and program requirements for the degree, and fulfillment of minimum progress requirements. Failure to meet these requirements results in corrective measures which may include a written warning, academic probation, and/or the possible release from the program.

### Dissertation Reading Committee

Every doctoral dissertation is read and approved by the three members of the student's doctoral dissertation reading committee. The doctoral dissertation reading committee consists of the principal dissertation adviser and, typically, two other readers. The doctoral dissertation reading committee must have three members and may not have more than five members. At least one member must be from the student's major department. Normally, all committee members are members of the Stanford University Academic Council or are emeritus Academic Council members. The student's department chair may, in some cases, approve the appointment of a reader who is not a current or emeritus member of the Academic Council, if that person is particularly well qualified to consult on the dissertation topic and holds a Ph.D. or equivalent foreign degree. Former Stanford Academic Council members and non-Academic Council members may thus, on occasion, serve on a reading committee. A non-Academic Council member (including former Academic Council members) may replace only one of three required members of dissertation reading committees. If the reading committee has four or five members, at least three members (comprising the majority) must be current or emeritus members of the Academic Council.

### Examinations

Three examinations are required. The first two are one-hour exams. The first of these two is taken at the end of the student's first year of study; the second is taken at the start of the second year. Students should meet with the members of the exam committee to discuss their plans for the exams. The first of these is on literary genre, designed to demonstrate the student's knowledge of a substantial number of literary works in a single genre, ranged over several centuries and over at least three national literatures. This exam is also designed to demonstrate the student's grasp of the theoretical problems involved in his or her choice of genre and in the matter of genre in general. The second of these examinations is on literary theory and criticism, designed to demonstrate the student's knowledge of a particular problem in the history of literary theory and criticism, or the student's ability to develop a particular theoretical position. In either case, this exam should demonstrate wide reading in theoretical and critical texts from a variety of periods. The third and last is the University oral examination, which covers a literary period, to consist of in-depth knowledge of a period of approximately a century in three or more literatures with primary emphasis on a single national literature or, in occasional cases, two national literatures.

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- First One-Hour Examination:* The genre exam is generally administered the second week of April of the student's first year. All first-year students take the exam during the same period, with an examination committee established by the department. Exam lists should be approved by the Chair of Graduate Studies well in advance of the exam. Students are urged to focus on poetry, drama, or the novel or narrative, combining core recommendations from the department with selections from their individual areas of concentration. Any student who does not pass the exam has the opportunity to retake the exam the second week of May of the same quarter. Students who do not pass this exam a second time may be dismissed from the program.
- Second One-Hour Examination:* The theory exam is administered the Autumn Quarter of the student's second year. All second-year students take the exam during the same period, with an examination committee established by the department. Exam lists should be approved by the Chair of Graduate Studies well in advance of the exam. Any student who does not pass the exam has the opportunity to retake the exam the second week of the Winter Quarter. Students who do not pass this exam a second time may be dismissed from the program.
- University Oral Examination:* Students are required to take this exam during the Autumn Quarter of their third year. The oral exam is individually scheduled, with a committee established by the student in consultation with the Chair of Graduate Studies. The reading list covers chiefly the major literary texts of a period of approximately one hundred years but may also include some studies of intellectual backgrounds and modern critical discussions of the period. Students must demonstrate a grasp of how to discuss and define this period as well as the concept of periods in general. This examination is not to be on the dissertation topic, on a single genre, or on current criticism, but rather on a multiplicity of texts from the period. Students whose course work combines an ancient with a modern literature have the option of dividing the period sections into two wholly separate periods.

### Qualifying Procedures Candidacy

Admission to candidacy is an important decision grounded in an overall assessment of a student's ability to successfully complete the PhD program. Per University policy, students are expected to complete department qualifying procedures and apply for candidacy by the end of the second year in residence. In reviewing a student for admission to candidacy, the faculty considers a student's academic progress including but not limited to: advanced language proficiency, coursework, performance on the Qualifying Exam (Genre Exam), and successful completion of teaching and research assistantships. A student must

also have completed at least 3 units of work with each of 4 Stanford faculty members prior to consideration for candidacy. In addition to successful completion of department prerequisites, a student is only admitted to candidacy if the faculty makes the judgment that the student has the potential to successfully complete the requirements of the degree program. Candidacy is determined by faculty vote. Failure to advance to candidacy results in the dismissal of the student from the doctoral program. Candidacy is valid for five years and students are required to maintain active candidacy through conferral of the doctoral degree. All requirements for the degree must be completed before candidacy expires. The Department of Comparative Literature conducts regular reviews of each student's academic performance, both prior to and following successful admission to candidacy. Failure to make satisfactory progress to degree may result in dismissal from the doctoral program. Additional information about University candidacy policy is available in the Bulletin (<http://exploreddegrees.stanford.edu/archive/2016-17/graduatedegrees/#doctoraltext-candidacy>) and GAP (<http://gap.stanford.edu/4-6.html>).

### Yearly Review

The faculty provide students with timely and constructive feedback on their progress toward the Ph.D. In order to evaluate students' progress and to identify potential problem areas, the department's faculty reviews the academic progress of each student at the end of the academic year. The yearly reviews are primarily intended to identify developing problems that could impede progress. In most cases, students are simply given constructive feedback, but if more serious concerns warrant, a student may be placed on probation with specific guidelines for addressing the problems detected. Possible outcomes of the yearly review include (1) continuation of the student in good standing, or (2) placing the student on probation, with specific guidelines for the period on probation and the steps to be taken in order to be returned to good standing. For students on probation at this point (or at any other subsequent points), possible outcomes of a review include: (1) restoration to good standing; or (2) continued probation, again with guidelines for necessary remedial steps; or (3) termination from the program. Students leaving the program at the end of the first or second year are usually allowed to complete the requirements to receive an M.A. degree, if this does not involve additional residency or financial support.

### Prospectus Colloquium

The prospectus colloquium normally takes place during the spring of the third year. The student should furnish the committee with a five-page prospectus, 20-page draft of a chapter, and working bibliography well before the colloquium. The colloquium lasts one hour, begins with a brief introduction to the dissertation prospectus by the student lasting no more than five minutes, and consists of a discussion of the prospectus by the student and the three readers of the dissertation. At the end of the hour, the faculty readers vote on the outcome of the colloquium. If the outcome is favorable (by majority vote), the student is free to proceed with work on the dissertation. If the proposal is found to be unsatisfactory (by majority vote), the dissertation readers may ask the student to revise and resubmit the dissertation prospectus and to schedule a second colloquium.

The prospectus must be prepared in close consultation with the dissertation adviser during the months preceding the colloquium. It must be submitted in its final form to the readers no later than one week before the colloquium. A prospectus should not exceed ten double spaced pages, in addition to which it should include a working bibliography of primary and secondary sources. It should offer a synthetic overview of the dissertation, describe its methodology and the project's relation to prior scholarship on the topic, and lay out a complete chapter by chapter plan.

It is the student's responsibility to schedule the colloquium no later than the first half of the quarter after that quarter in which the student passed the University Oral Examination. The student should arrange the date and time in consultation with the department administrator and with the three

examiners. The department administrator schedules an appropriate room for the colloquium.

Members of the dissertation reading committee are ordinarily drawn from the University oral examination committee.

## Ph.D. Minor in Comparative Literature

This minor is designed for students working toward the Ph.D. in the various foreign language departments. Students working toward the Ph.D. in English are directed to the program in English and Comparative Literature described among the Department of English offerings. Students must have:

1. A knowledge of at least two foreign languages, one of them sufficient to qualify for graduate-level courses in that language, the second sufficient to read a major author in the original language.
2. A minimum of six graduate courses, of which three must be in the department of the second literature and three in the Department of Comparative Literature, the latter to include a seminar in literary theory or criticism. At least two of the three courses in comparative literature should originate in a department other than the one in which the student is completing the degree. Except for students in the Asian languages, students must choose a second literature outside the department of their major literature.

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## Courses

### COMPLIT 10N. Shakespeare and Performance in a Global Context. 3 Units.

Preference to freshmen. The problem of performance including the performance of gender through the plays of Shakespeare. In-class performances by students of scenes from plays. The history of theatrical performance. Sources include filmed versions of plays, and readings on the history of gender, gender performance, and transvestite theater.

**COMPLIT 10SC. The Cult of Happiness: Pursuing the Good Life in America and China. 2 Units.**

The 2006 film *Pursuit of Happyness*, an unabashed celebration of the American Dream, was enthusiastically embraced by Chinese audiences. It seems that the pursuit of happiness has become truly globalized, even as the American Dream is slipping away for many. Are Americans still convinced that their conception of happiness is a self-evident truth and a universal gospel? Is there anything that Americans might learn about what it means to live a good life from not only the distant past, but also cultures in which happiness is envisioned and sought after very differently? This course takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the question of happiness and invites undergraduate students to reflect on its relationship to virtue, wisdom, health, love, pleasure, prosperity, justice, and solidarity. Giving equal weight to Chinese and Western sources, it seeks to defamiliarize some of the most deeply held ideas and values in American society through the lens of cross-cultural inquiry. During the summer, students will read a selection of novels, memoirs, and reflections by philosophers, psychologists, and sociologists. In September, we will review these texts and place them alongside movies, short fiction, news stories, and social commentary while we interrogate the chimera of happiness. In addition, we will experiment with meditation, short-form life writing (including mock-obituaries!), and service-learning.

Same as: CHINA 10SC

**COMPLIT 11Q. Shakespeare, Playing, Gender. 3 Units.**

Preference to sophomores. Focus is on several of the best and lesser known plays of Shakespeare, on theatrical and other kinds of playing, and on ambiguities of both gender and playing gender.

**COMPLIT 11SC. Worlds (No Longer) Apart. 2 Units.**

What (if anything) do supermall shoppers in the Philippines, a Filipino taxi driver in Paris, and television viewers in Nepal have to do with a legal case in Canada, two young Japanese on a pilgrimage to Graceland, and a South Asian lawyer/liquor store owner trying to reclaim his property in Uganda from where he lives, in Mississippi? This course uses literary narratives, films, and historical research to examine new textures of contemporary life, where "borders" seem hard-pressed to contain culture. Texts include Pico Iyer, *Video Night in Kathmandu*, Mira Nair's film *Mississippi Masala*, and M.G. Vassanji, *No New Land*. New forms of identity have emerged that reflect the cultural changes that have accompanied such movements. Nevertheless, we will not idealize such phenomena either; we will want also to carefully observe the binding power of nations. The result will be a finer-tuned sense of "globalization" and the "local" and the "global." The course emphasizes creative thinking and discussion. Students are expected to do the reading and be well prepared for every session with not only questions, but tentative answers. Each student will participate in one group presentation as their final project.

**COMPLIT 14N. Imagining India: Art, Culture, Politics in Modern India. 3 Units.**

This course explores history via cultural responses in modern India. We will examine a range of fiction, film and drama to consider the ways in which India emerges through its cultural productions. The course will consider key historical events such as the partition of the subcontinent, independence from British rule, Green Revolution, Emergency, liberalization of the Indian economy, among others. We will reflect on epochal historical moments by means of artistic responses to these events. For example, Ritwik Ghatak's experimental cinema intervenes into debates around the Bengal partition; Rohinton Mistry's novel, *A Fine Balance* grapples with the suspension of civil liberties during the emergency between 1975-77; Rahul Varma's play *Bhopal* reflects on the Bhopal gas tragedy, considered the world's worst industrial disaster. Students will read, view and reflect on the aesthetic and historical texts through their thoughtful engagement in class discussions and written essays. They will also have opportunities to imaginatively respond to these texts via short creative projects, which could range from poems, monologues, solo pieces, web installations, etc. Readings will also include Mahashweta Devi, Amitav Ghosh, Girish Karnad, Jhumpa Lahiri, Manjula Padmanabhan, Salman Rushdie, Aparna Sen, among others.

Same as: CSRE 15N, FEMGEN 14N

**COMPLIT 27Q. You Are Here: Writing in the Age of Environmental Crisis. 3 Units.**

How have writers on a global scale responded to a growing sense of environmental crisis? How do various literary genres and forms help writers convey a sense of urgency, evoke feelings of loss, or prompt a call to action? Students will encounter recent stories, songs, memoirs, essays, and poems by writers from around the world that engage with the relationship between humans and our precarious environment. Texts such as Cormac McCarthy's post-apocalyptic novel *The Road*, Inger Christensen's long poem *alphabet*, and Arundati Roy's fable *The Briefing* will allow us to see how race, class, and region impact experiences and depictions of a planet in crisis. These texts will also model options for students' own creative writing on nature, place, and crisis across genres. Assignments will include observational writing, experiments with genre shifts, and research and writing on the places we call home as members of a global community.

**COMPLIT 31SI. What is Neoconservatism? The Movement's History and Ideas. 2 Units.**

Its thinking from its communist roots, through the changes of the 60s, the rise of conservatism in the 80s, and the invasion of Iraq. Readings include Irving Kristol, Jeane Kirkpatrick, Daniel P. Moynihan, and David Brooks. Guest lecturers from supporters and critics.

**COMPLIT 37Q. Zionism and the Novel. 3 Units.**

At the end of the nineteenth century, Zionism emerged as a political movement to establish a national homeland for the Jews, eventually leading to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. This seminar uses novels to explore the changes in Zionism, the roots of the conflict in the Middle East, and the potentials for the future. We will take a close look at novels by Israelis, both Jewish and Arab, in order to understand multiple perspectives, and we will also consider works by authors from the North America and from Europe.

Same as: JEWISHST 37Q

**COMPLIT 38Q. Ethics of Jihad. 4 Units.**

Why choose jihad? An introduction to Islamic ethics. Focus on ways in which people have chosen, rejected, or redefined jihad. Topics include jihad in the age of 1001 Nights, feminist jihad, jihad in Africa, al-Qaida and Hamas, and the hashtag #MyJihad. All readings and discussion in English.

**COMPLIT 40Q. Aesthetics of Dissent: the Case of Islamic Iran. 2-3 Units.** Censorship, Borges tells us, is the mother of metaphors. The Islamic regime in Iran censors all aesthetic production in the country. But Iranian dissident artists, from film-makers and fiction writers to composers in a thriving under-ground musical scene, have cleverly found ways to fight these draconian measures. They have developed an impressive body of work that is as sophisticated in style as it is rich in its discourse of democracy and dissent. The purpose of the seminar is to understand the aesthetic tropes of dissent in Iran, and the social and theological roots of rules of censorship. Masterpieces of post-revolutionary film, fiction, and music will be discussed in the context of tumultuous history of dissent in Islamic Iran.

Same as: INTNLREL 71Q

**COMPLIT 41N. Borderlands of Literature and Culture. 3-4 Units.**

Rather than try to examine the whole of such an extensive body of work by artists of Mexican descent living in Mexico and the United States, the focus will be on the transnational themes of border thinking, memory, and identity (both personal and collective). Looking at the foundational poetry, auto-ethnographies, and narratives by Américo Paredes and Gloria Anzaldúa and how their literary and ethnographic work laid the groundwork for subsequent imaginings in the narratives, poetry, and theory of border thinking and writing. We will explore the trans-frontier cultural conditions under which imaginative literary texts are produced, disseminated, and received. We will consider not only the historical transnational experiences that inform these borderlands texts but the potential futures of Mexico and the United States they imagine.

**COMPLIT 41Q. Ethnicity and Literature. 5 Units.**

Preference to sophomores. What is meant by ethnic literature? How is ethnic writing different from non-ethnic writing, or is there such a thing as either? How does ethnicity as an analytic perspective affect the way literature is read by ethnic peoples? Articles and works of fiction; films on ethnic literature and cultural politics. How ethnic literature represents the nexus of social, historical, political, and personal issues.

**COMPLIT 42. Making Palestine Visible. 1 Unit.**

The course will discuss topics that inform the debate over Israel-Palestine. We will address common misperceptions, key themes, concepts, and issues and present information aimed at helping students understand the complex history and array of contemporary political, cultural and legal structures at play and how they tend to render Palestinian claims to rights illegible for much of the American public. This learning experience, incorporating discussion and clarification at its core, connects with the national and Stanford campus discussion of activism on Israel-Palestine.

Same as: CSRE 3A, HISTORY 3A

**COMPLIT 51Q. Comparative Fictions of Ethnicity. 4 Units.**

We may "know" "who" we "are," but we are, after all, social creatures. How does our sense of self interact with those around us? How does literature provide a particular medium for not only self expression, but also for meditations on what goes into the construction of "the Self"? After all, don't we tell stories in response to the question, "who are you"? Besides a list of nouns and names and attributes, we give our lives flesh and blood in telling how we process the world. Our course focuses in particular on this question—Does this universal issue ("who am I") become skewed differently when we add a qualifier before it, like "ethnic"?.

Same as: AMSTUD 51Q, CSRE 51Q

**COMPLIT 55N. Batman, Hamilton, Díaz, and Other Wondrous Lives. 3-5 Units.**

This seminar concerns the design and analysis of imaginary (or constructed) worlds for narratives and media such as films, comics, and literary texts. The seminar's primary goal is to help participants understand the creation of better imaginary worlds - ultimately all our efforts should serve that higher purpose. Some of the things we will consider when taking on the analysis of a new world include: What are its primary features - spatial, cultural, biological, fantastic, cosmological? What is the world's ethos (the guiding beliefs or ideals that characterize the world)? What are the precise strategies that are used by the artist to convey the world to us and us to the world? How are our characters connected to the world? And how are we - the viewer or reader or player - connected to the world?.

**COMPLIT 57. Human Rights and World Literature. 5 Units.**

Human rights may be universal, but each appeal comes from a specific location with its own historical, social, and cultural context. This summer we will turn to literary narratives and films from a wide number of global locations to help us understand human rights; each story taps into fundamental beliefs about justice and ethics, from an eminently human and personal point of view. What does it mean not to have access to water, education, free speech, for example? This course has two components. The first will be a set of readings on the history and ethos of modern human rights. These readings will come from philosophy, history, political theory. The second, and major component is comprised of novels and films that come from different locations in the world, each telling a compelling story. We will come away from this class with a good introduction to human rights history and philosophy and a set of insights into a variety of imaginative perspectives on human rights issues from different global locations. Readings include: Amnesty International, *Freedom: Stories Celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*; Andrew Clapman, *Human Rights: A Very Short Introduction*; James Dawes, *That the World May Be Known*; Walter Echo-Hawk, *In the Light of Justice*; Amitav Ghosh, *The Hungry Tides*; Bessie Head, *Marun*; Ursula LeGuin, *The Word for World is Forest*.

**COMPLIT 70N. Animal Planet and the Romance of the Species. 3-4 Units.**

Preference to freshmen. This course considers a variety of animal characters in Chinese and Western literatures as potent symbols of cultural values and dynamic sites of ethical reasoning. What does pervasive animal imagery tell us about how we relate to the world and our neighbors? How do animals define the frontiers of humanity and mediate notions of civilization and culture? How do culture, institutions, and political economy shape concepts of human rights and animal welfare? And, above all, what does it mean to be human in the pluralistic and planetary 21st century?.

Same as: CHINA 70N

**COMPLIT 90. Conversations about Comparative Literature. 2 Units.**

Come to discuss literature and comparative literary studies in a relaxed and informative class, over lunch. You will meet comparative literature faculty and graduate students who will share their work, their experiences, and interests in literature. Discussions will range from the challenges and excitement of studying medieval Chinese poetry to blogging about the humanities; the relation of different cultures; notions of aesthetics and the role literature plays, and much more. Topics will also be generated by class participants. No pre-requisites.



**COMPLIT 100. CAPITALS: How Cities Shape Cultures, States, and People. 3-5 Units.**

This course takes students on a trip to eight capital cities, at different moments in time: Renaissance Florence, Golden Age Madrid, Colonial Mexico City, Enlightenment and Romantic Paris, Existential and Revolutionary St. Petersburg, Roaring Berlin, Modernist Vienna, and bustling Buenos Aires. While exploring each place in a particular historical moment, we will also consider the relations between culture, power, and social life. How does the cultural life of a country intersect with the political activity of a capital? How do large cities shape our everyday experience, our aesthetic preferences, and our sense of history? Why do some cities become cultural capitals? Primary materials for this course will consist of literary, visual, sociological, and historical documents (in translation); authors we will read include Boccaccio, Lope de Vega, Sor Juana, Montesquieu, Baudelaire, Dostoyevsky, Irmgard Keun, Freud, and Borges.

Same as: DLCL 100, FRENCH 175, GERMAN 175, HISTORY 206E, ILAC 175, ITALIAN 175, URBANST 153

**COMPLIT 101. What Is Comparative Literature?. 5 Units.**

Introduction to the discipline of comparative literature and to the theory and practice of interpretation. How should we best read novels, plays, short stories, poetry, and a variety of other forms of literary expression? What role has literature played in human societies in different times and places? Primary works (a novel, several poems, and a play) represent different national literatures that gain from a comparative perspective. Fulfills the Writing-in-the-Major requirement. Gateway to the Comparative Literature Major.

**COMPLIT 102. Film Series: Understanding Turkey Through Film. 1 Unit.**

Join us in our quest to understand the recent developments in Turkey and their impact on its people through cinematic production. Set against the backdrop of Turkey's cultural, political and social transformation in the last decade, the movies in this series tell the uneasy stories of individuals whose lives are affected by this disruptive change. By examining the link between individual troubles and public issues, the films confront issues such as globalization, gender and racial hierarchy, neo-liberal urban transformation, male domination, state oppression, and women's oppression in Turkey. Each screening will be followed by a discussion lead by invited scholars of Turkey or film directors. At each screening we will look closely at a film and discuss how the directors and script writers responded to larger scale cultural and social dynamics to present them as personal stories. Enrolled students must attend all five screenings and at least three talks of their choice at the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies annual conference Understanding Turkey: Vision, Revision, and the Future which will be held on April 28-29 2017. All screenings are free and open to the public. All attendees are encouraged to participate in the post-screening discussions. All films are in Turkish with English subtitles. Same as: COMPLIT 302

**COMPLIT 104. Love, Passion, and Politics in Chinese Film. 4-5 Units.**

Focusing on the emotional structure of love and passion in Chinese films, the course will investigate the structures of feelings and moral relations in modern Chinese history from the 1940s till the present. Examining the interplay between private desire, romantic sentiment, family relations, and political passion, we will explore how men and women in China grapple with emotional and social issues in modern transformations. We will consider romantic love, the uplifting of sexuality into political passion, the intertwining of aesthetic experience with politics, nostalgia in the disenchanted modern world, and the tensions between the individual's self-realization and the community's agenda. Students will learn to read films as a work of art and understand how film works as expression of desire, impulse, emotional connections, and communal bonding during times of crisis. Course work includes a midterm exam (25%) and a final exam (25%), a weekly 250-300 word reflection on the film of the week (10%), participation and oral presentation in class (10%), and a paper of 5-7 pages to be submitted after the midterm week (30%). Starting from the second week, film screening will begin 6:30 pm Monday before classes on Tuesday and Thursday. The course does not encourage private viewing. At least 5 dinners will be provided for movie-screening events.

Same as: CHINA 113, CHINA 213

**COMPLIT 105. Race and Human Rights. 4 Units.**

The recent elections in the United States, the BREXIT vote, and the rightward movement in many European nation states all may be taken as indexes to the ways race plays a central role in politics. Race and ethnicity show up in policies over immigration, refugees, citizenship, policing, incarceration, and other topics and issues. This all puts tremendous pressure on human rights discourse. The foundational document of modern human rights is the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, drafted at a time when the newly-established United Nations recognized the need for rights for a new post-war, and increasingly post-colonial world. Our course will study the basis of human rights historically and philosophically with particular attention to the relation between human rights and anti-racist work. What are the possibilities and challenges? A unique and exciting part of the course is that it is an international collaboration with classes at the University of Wurzburg, Germany, and the University of California at Merced. Using the Stanford-based TeachingHumanRights.org website, we will create a three-campus project that puts students and instructors together as an international community of scholar-activists.

Same as: CSRE 115

**COMPLIT 109. Masterpieces: Orhan Pamuk. 3-5 Units.**

This course explores the major works of Nobel Prize Winner Orhan Pamuk and the novel tradition. We will start with his more classical narratives such as *Silent House* and move to modernist, post-colonial, and post modernist works exemplified by *The New Life*, *The White Castle*, *The Black Book*, and *My Name is Red*. Topics include: East/West, the Ottoman theme, Istanbul, and autobiographical strands in fiction.

**COMPLIT 110. Introduction to Comparative Queer Literary Studies. 3-5 Units.**

Introduction to the comparative literary study of important gay, lesbian, queer, bisexual, and transgender writers and their changing social, political, and cultural contexts from the 1880s to today: Oscar Wilde, Rachilde, Radclyffe Hall, Djuna Barnes, James Baldwin, Jean Genet, Audre Lorde, Cherrie Moraga, Jeanette Winterson, Alison Bechdel and others, discussed in the context of 20th-century feminist and queer literary and social theories of gender and sexuality.

Same as: COMPLIT 310, FEMGEN 110X, FEMGEN 310X

**COMPLIT 111. German Capstone: Reading Franz Kafka. 3-5 Units.**

This class will address major works by Franz Kafka and consider Kafka as a modernist writer whose work reflects on modernity. We will also examine the role of Kafka's themes and poetics in the work of contemporary writers. (Meets Writing-in-the-Major requirement).

Same as: COMPLIT 311C, GERMAN 190, GERMAN 390, JEWISHST 147, JEWISHST 349

**COMPLIT 112. Oscar Wilde and the French Decadents. 3-5 Units.**

Close reading of Oscar Wilde's work together with major texts and authors of 19th-century French Decadence, including Symbolism, l'art pour l'art, and early Modernism. Points of contact between Wilde and avant-garde Paris salons; provocative, creative intersections between (homo)erotic and aesthetic styles, transgression; literary and cultural developments from Baudelaire to Mallarmé, Huysmans, Flaubert, Rachilde, Lorrain, and Proust compared with Wilde's *Salomé*, *Picture of Dorian Gray*, and critical writings; relevant historical and philosophical contexts. All readings in English; all student levels welcome. Same as: COMPLIT 312, FRENCH 112, FRENCH 312

**COMPLIT 114. Masterpieces: Kafka. 3-5 Units.**

This class will address major works by Franz Kafka and consider Kafka as a modernist writer whose work reflects on modernity. We will also examine the role of Kafka's themes and poetics in the work of contemporary writers.

Same as: GERMAN 150, JEWISHST 145

**COMPLIT 115. Nabokov in the Transnational Context. 3-5 Units.**

Nabokov's techniques of migration and camouflage as he inhabits the literary and historical contexts of St. Petersburg, Berlin, Paris, America, and Switzerland. His early and late stories, last Russian novel "The Gift," "Lolita" (the novel and screenplay), and "Pale Fire." Readings in English. Russian speakers will be encouraged to read Russian texts in original.

Same as: COMPLIT 315, SLAVIC 156, SLAVIC 356

**COMPLIT 117. Women Writing War. 3-5 Units.**

War has long been recognized as a central theme in literature across traditions, yet little recognition has been given to women's voices in war writing. This course will explore female perspectives on America's wars and armed conflicts of the Twentieth Century, from World War One to the war in Afghanistan and the War on Terror. Readings will include poetry, fiction, memoir and reportage by American and international writers such as Gertrude Stein, Amy Lowell, Denise Levertov, Theresa Kak Kyung Cha, Dunya Mikhail, and Solmaz Sharif. We will explore such topics as the gendering of war and of mourning, the poetry of witness, the representation of violence, and political censorship and surveillance. All readings will be in English.

**COMPLIT 119. Travel Writing in the Pre-Modern Mediterranean. 3-5 Units.**

The *rihla*, or voyage, was an important part of many intellectuals' development in the pre-modern Arabophone world. This journey was understood not to mean just the physical displacement of a scholar over land and sea and as essential for his acquisition of knowledge at the feet of the foremost scholars of his day, but also as a metaphor for change, adventure, and intellectual development. *Rihla* also came to refer to texts written about these journeys, emerging in the 12th century as a term used to refer to a genre of travel writing—a grouping of narratives which will be the focus of our class. Readings will be drawn from such Arabic texts as Ibn Battuta's *Rihla*, Ibn Khaldun's *Muqaddimah*, and al-Ghassani's *Rihlat al-Wazir*, as well as selections of European travel writing such as Marco Polo's *Travels*. Emphasis, where possible, will be placed on continuing to develop the skills to read these texts in the original Arabic, including grammar, dictionary use, vowelings, and translation.

**COMPLIT 121. Poems, Poetry, Worlds. 5 Units.**

What is poetry? How does it speak in many voices to questions of history, society, and personal experience? Why does it matter? The reading and interpretation of poetry in crosscultural comparison as experience, invention, form, sound, knowledge, and part of the world. The readings address poetry of several cultures (Brazil, Chile, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Occitania, Peru) in comparative relation to that of the English-speaking world, and in light of classic and recent theories of poetry.

Same as: DLCL 141

**COMPLIT 122. Literature as Performance. 5 Units.**

Theater as performance and as literature. Historical tension between text and spectacle, thought and embodiment in western and other traditions since Greek antiquity. Dramas read in tandem with theory, live performances, and audiovisuals.

Same as: DLCL 142

**COMPLIT 123. The Novel, the Global South. 5 Units.**

Literary inventiveness and social significance of novelistic forms from the Great Depression to the present. The seminar will focus on texts by William Faulkner, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Toni Morrison, and Junot Diaz. Same as: DLCL 143, ENGLISH 184

**COMPLIT 125. Past Desire Made Present: The Traditions of Erotic Poetry in Medieval Iran and Europe. 3-5 Units.**

Aims to make present and accessible, to our early 21st-century experience, convergences and differences between medieval Persian and medieval European love poetry. Poetry will be dealt with as a discursive and institutional means through which it is possible to make present and tangible that which is absent – both in space and time. If we accept that medieval Persian and European love poetry conjured up moods of homo- and heteroerotic desire for contemporary audiences, then this desire can also become present for us today through a close reading of those same texts.

**COMPLIT 125A. The Gothic Novel. 5 Units.**

The Gothic novel and its relatives from its invention by Walpole in *The Castle of Otranto* of 1764. Readings include: *Northanger Abbey*, *The Italian*, *The Monk*, *Frankenstein*, *Jane Eyre*, *Great Expectations*, and *Dracula*. What defines the Gothic as it evolves from one specific novel to a mode that makes its way into a range of fictional types?

**COMPLIT 127B. The Hebrew and Jewish Short Story. 3-5 Units.**

Short stories from Israel, the US and Europe including works by Agnon, Kafka, Keret, Castel-Bloom, Kashua, Singer, Benjamin, Freud, biblical myths and more. The class will engage with questions related to the short story as a literary form and the history of the short story. Reading and discussion in English. Optional: special section with readings and discussions in Hebrew.

Same as: JEWISHST 147B

**COMPLIT 129A. Contemporary Persian Poetry: Encounter of a Thousand-Year-Old Classical Tradition with Modernity. 5 Units.**

The primacy of poetic expression in Persian culture in the transition from tradition to modernity. Major 20th-century poets in relation to historical events and social change. Authors include: Nima Yushij, Ahmad Shamlou, Sohrab Sepehri, Mehdi Akhavan Sales, Forough Farrokhzad, Nader Naderpour, Fereydown Moshiri, Esma'il Kho'i, and Afghan and Tajik poets.

**COMPLIT 132A. Dynasties, Dictators and Democrats: History and Politics in Germany. 3-5 Units.**

Key moments in German history through documents: personal accounts, political speeches and texts, and literary works. The course begins with the Prussian monarchy and proceeds to the crisis years of the French Revolution. Documents from the 1848 revolution and the age of Bismarck and German unification follow. World War I and its impact on Germany, including the rise of Hitler, as well as the aftermath, divided Germany in the Cold War through the fall of the Berlin Wall. Taught in German.

Same as: GERMAN 132

**COMPLIT 133. Gender and Modernism. 3-5 Units.**

Gender and sexuality in trans-Atlantic modernist literature and culture from the 1880s-1930s. Topics include the 19th-century culture wars and the figures of the dandy and the New Woman; modernist critiques of Enlightenment rationality; impact of World War I on gender roles; gender and the rise of modern consumer culture, fashion, design; the modernist metropolis and gender/sexuality; the avant-garde and gender; literary first-wave feminism; homoerotic modernism; modernism in the context of current theories of gender and sexuality.

Same as: COMPLIT 333

**COMPLIT 135. Chinese Cultural Revolution: Performance, Politics, and Aesthetics. 4 Units.**

Events, arts, films, and operas of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Analysis of political passion, aesthetics, and psychology of mass movements. Places the Cultural Revolution in the long-range context of art, social movements, and politics. Chinese language is not required. Same as: CHINA 116, CHINA 216

**COMPLIT 138A. Introduction to Modern Japanese Literature and Culture. 3-4 Units.**

This class introduces key literary texts from Japan's modern era (1868-present), locating these works in the larger political, social, and cultural trends of the period. Primary texts include: Futabatei Shimei's *Floating Clouds*, Higuchi Ichiyō's *Child's Play*, Natsume Sōseki's *Kokoro*, Kobayashi Takiji's *Cannery Boat*, Ōe Kenzaburō's *The Catch*, and Yoshimoto Banana's *Kitchen*. Examination of these literary works will be contextualized within larger political trends (e.g., the modernization program of the Meiji regime, the policies of Japan's wartime government, and postwar Japanese responses to the cold war), social developments (e.g., changing notions of social class, the women's rights movement, and the social effects of the postwar economic expansion), and cultural movements (e.g., literary reform movement of the 1890s, modernism of the 1920s and 30s, and postmodernism of the 1980s). The goal of the class is to use literary texts as a point of entry to understand the grand narrative of Japan's journey from its tentative re-entry into the international community in the 1850s, through the cataclysm of the Pacific War, to the remarkable prosperity of the bubble years in the 1980s.

Same as: JAPAN 138, JAPAN 238

**COMPLIT 141A. The Meaning of Arabic Literature: a seminar investigation into the nebulous concept of *adab*. 3-5 Units.**

An investigation into the concept of literature in mediaeval Arabic. Was there a mediaeval Arabic way of thinking? We look to develop a translation for the word "*adab*," a concept that dominated mediaeval Arabic intellectual culture, and is related in some ways to what we mean today when we use the word literature. Our core text is a literary anthology from the 900s in Iraq and we try, together, to work out what literature meant for the author and his contemporaries. Readings, assignments and, class discussion all in English.

**COMPLIT 142. The Literature of the Americas. 5 Units.**

A wide-ranging overview of the literatures of the Americas in comparative perspective, emphasizing continuities and crises that are common to North American, Central American, and South American literatures as well as the distinctive national and cultural elements of a diverse array of primary works. Topics include the definitions of such concepts as empire and colonialism, the encounters between worldviews of European and indigenous peoples, the emergence of creole and racially mixed populations, slavery, the New World voice, myths of America as paradise or utopia, the coming of modernism, twentieth-century avant-gardes, and distinctive modern episodes—the Harlem Renaissance, the Beats, magic realism, Noigandres—in unaccustomed conversation with each other.

Same as: AMSTUD 142, CSRE 142, ENGLISH 172E

**COMPLIT 142B. Translating Japan, Translating the West. 3-4 Units.**

Translation lies at the heart of all intercultural exchange. This course introduces students to the specific ways in which translation has shaped the image of Japan in the West, the image of the West in Japan, and Japan's self-image in the modern period. What texts and concepts were translated by each side, how, and to what effect? No prior knowledge of Japanese language necessary.

Same as: JAPAN 121, JAPAN 221

**COMPLIT 143A. *Alla Turca Love: Tales of Romance in Turkish Literature*. 3-5 Units.**

An introduction to the theme of romantic love in Turkish literature, with particular attention to key classical and contemporary works that influenced the development of the Turkish literary tradition. Topics include close reading and discussion of folk tales, poems, short stories, and plays with particular attention to the characters of lover/beloved, the theme of romantic love, and the cultural and historical background of these elements. We will begin with essential examples of ghazels from Ottoman court poetry to explore the notion of "courtly love" and move to the most influential texts of 19th and 20th centuries. All readings and discussions will be in English; all student levels welcome.

Same as: COMPLIT 342

**COMPLIT 144A. *Istanbul the Muse: The City in Literature and Film*. 3-5 Units.**

The multiple layers of culture and history in Istanbul, a city on two continents between East and West, wrapped in past and present have inspired great art and literature. The class explores how Istanbul inspired artists and writers, and focuses on the idea of 'inbetweenness' through art, literature, music, and film seen chronologically. In addition to discussing literary, historical, and secondary texts we will explore visual genres such as film, painting, and photography. All readings, screenings, and discussions will be in English.

**COMPLIT 144B. *Istanbul the Muse: Gateways to the World*. 3-5 Units.**

This course explores Turkish cultural and political history over the last century with a focus on the city of Istanbul. We will examine the opposing concepts that have been used to define the city (e.g., East/West, past/present, local/migrant, preservation/development) and competing memories of its diverse inhabitants through art, film, literature, and music. This course is an excellent preparation for students wishing to spend a quarter with the Bing Overseas Studies Program in Istanbul, Turkey, although it is open to any interested student. All readings and screenings will be in English.

**COMPLIT 145. *Reflection on the Other: The Jew and the Arab in Literature*. 3-5 Units.**

How literary works outside the realm of Western culture struggle with questions such as identity, minority, and the issue of the Other. How the Arab is viewed in Hebrew literature, film and music and how the Jew is viewed in Palestinian works in Hebrew or Arabic (in translation to English). Historical, political, and sociological forces that have contributed to the shaping of these writers' views. Guest lectures about the Jew in Palestinian literature and music.

Same as: AMELANG 126, JEWISHST 106

**COMPLIT 145B. *The African Atlantic*. 3-5 Units.**

This course explores the central place Africa holds in prose writing emerging during early and modern periods of globalization across the Atlantic, including the middle passage, exploration and colonialism, black internationalism, decolonization, immigration, and diasporic return. We will begin with Equiano's *Interesting Narrative* (1789), a touchstone for the Atlantic prose tradition, and study how writers crossing the Atlantic have continued to depict Africa in later centuries: to dramatize scenes of departure and arrival in stories of self-making or new citizenship, to evoke histories of racial unity or examine psychic and social fragmentation, to imagine new national communities or question their norms and borders. Our readings will be selected from English, French, Portuguese and Spanish-language traditions. And we will pay close attention to genres of prose fiction (Conrad, Condé, Olinto), epic and prose poetry (Césaire, Walcott), theoretical reflection (Gilroy, Glissant, Mudimbe, Benítez-Rojo), and literary autobiography (Barack Obama, Saidiya Hartman).

Same as: AFRICAAM 148, AFRICAST 145B, COMPLIT 345B, CSRE 145B, FRENCH 145B, FRENCH 345B

**COMPLIT 146. Asian American Culture and Community. 3-5 Units.**

This course introduces students to the histories of Asians in America, specifically as these histories are part of a broader Asia-US-Pacific history that characterized the 20th century and now the 21st. We will combine readings in history, literature, sociology, with community-based learning. The course takes place over two quarters. The first quarter focuses on gaining knowledge of Asian America and discussion key topics that students wish to focus on collaboratively. During this first quarter we also learn about community-based learning, set up teams and projects, and develop relationships with community organizations. The second quarter students work with student liaisons (senior students who have experience in service learning) and complete their work with the community; there are no formal class meetings this second quarter. Service Learning Course (certified by Haas Center). Course can be repeated once.

Same as: AMSTUD 146, ASNAMST 146S, CSRE 146S

**COMPLIT 146A. The Arab Spring in Arabic Literature. 3-5 Units.**

An examination of the events of 2011 in the Middle East through literature. We will read short stories, poetry, graphic novels, and blogs in order to try and work out whether the revolution could have been predicted, and how it took place. Prerequisite: two years of Arabic at Stanford, or equivalent.

Same as: COMPLIT 347

**COMPLIT 147A. The Hebrew Bible in Literature. 3-5 Units.**

Close reading of major biblical stories and poems that influenced modern literature written in English and Hebrew. Hebrew texts will be read in translation to English. Each class will include a section from the Hebrew Bible as well as a modern text or film based on the biblical story/poem. Discussion of questions such as: the meaning and function of myths and the influence of the Hebrew Bible on the development of literary styles and genres.

Same as: COMPLIT 347A, JEWISHST 147A, JEWISHST 347A

**COMPLIT 149A. Classical Arabic Poetry: An Introduction. 3-5 Units.**

The primary litmus test of proficiency in the Arabic language is, and has always been, a command of classical Arabic poetry. Study and memorize the great lines of Arabic poetry with a manual that has stood the pedagogical test of time from the eleventh century until today. Questions of literary merit, poetic technique, metaphor, and divine and human linguistic innovation are all raised by the text that we will read together. Readings in Arabic, assignments and discussion in English. Prerequisite: two years of Arabic at Stanford, or equivalent.

Same as: COMPLIT 346

**COMPLIT 151A. Philosophies, Literatures, and Alternatives. 3-5 Units.**

Aristotelian poetics and mediaeval Arabic literary theory. Nietzsche's irony and Philosophies and literatures, together and apart, dominate the last two millennia of human thought. How might they best be read? Are philosophy and literature two different ways of thinking, or are they just two separate institutional histories? This course starts with familiar Greeks, moves onto unfamiliar Arabs, confronts old Europe, and ends with contemporary Americans arguing.

Same as: COMPLIT 351A

**COMPLIT 151B. Great Books: Dramatic Traditions. 4 Units.**

The most influential and enduring texts in the dramatic canon from Sophocles to Shakespeare, Chekhov to Soyinka. Their historical and geopolitical contexts. Questions about the power dynamics involved in the formation of canons. This course counts as a Writing in the Major course for TAPS in 2016-17.

Same as: COMPLIT 351B, TAPS 151T, TAPS 351

**COMPLIT 153C. Aesthetics. 1-5 Unit.**

A double reflection about a) the historical emergence of concepts and discourses referring to aesthetic sensibility, creativity and judgment in early Western Modernity, and b) the potential and the limits of this philosophical endeavor.

Same as: COMPLIT 253C

**COMPLIT 154A. Film & Philosophy. 4 Units.**

Issues of authenticity, morality, personal identity, and the value of truth explored through film; philosophical investigation of the filmic medium itself. Screenings to include Blade Runner (Scott), Do The Right Thing (Lee), The Seventh Seal (Bergman), Fight Club (Fincher), La Jetée (Marker), Memento (Nolan), and Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (Kaufman). Taught in English.

Same as: FRENCH 154, ITALIAN 154, PHIL 193C, PHIL 293C

**COMPLIT 154B. Poetic Thinking Across Media. 4 Units.**

Even before Novalis claimed that the world must be romanticized, thinkers, writers, and artists wanted to perceive the human and natural world poetically. The pre- and post-romantic poetic modes of thinking they created are the subject of this course. Readings include Ecclesiastes, Zhaozhou Congshen, Montaigne, Nietzsche, Kafka, Benjamin, Arendt, and Sontag. This course will also present poetic thinking in the visual arts—from the expressionism of Ingmar Bergman to the neo-romanticism of Gerhard Richter.

Same as: COMPLIT 354B, GERMAN 154, GERMAN 354, JEWISHST 144B

**COMPLIT 157. Contemporary Turkish Cinema and Society. 3-5 Units.**

This course is an examination of contemporary Turkish cinema in a social and political context. The course will focus on films and directors that revived Turkish cinema starting with the mid-1990s with a focus on key issues pertaining to belonging, denied identities, masculinity, nationalism, silencing of women, and urbanization. The course aims to provide an overview of contemporary Turkish cinema and society in cultural, political, and social framework. There will be approximately two hours of film screening and two hours of classroom discussion/seminar (in English) each week. All films are in Turkish with English subtitles.

Same as: COMPLIT 357

**COMPLIT 160. The Literature of Dehumanization. 3-5 Units.**

An examination of a constellation in Western literature that specifically deals with a borderline state between humanity and animality, showing different approaches to the problem of humanity and non-humanity through some of the major works in the modern Western literary canon. The class explores the different ways in which dehumanization takes place in these texts, and how these texts also suggest a regaining of one's lost humanity. Readings include: Ovid, Marie de France, Shakespeare, Hobbes, Heine, Baudelaire, Tolstoy, Nietzsche, Lautreamont, Kafka, Rilke, Celan, and more.

**COMPLIT 161. Co-Existence in Hebrew Literature. 4-5 Units.**

Is co-existence possible? Does pluralism require co-existence? Can texts serve as forms of co-existence? The class will focus on these and other questions related to co-existence and literature. Through reading works mostly by Jewish authors writing in Europe, Israel and the US we will explore attempts for complete equality, for a variety of hierarchical systems and for different kinds of co-dependence. Guest speaker: professor Anat Weisman, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

Same as: AMELANG 175, JEWISHST 146

**COMPLIT 162. American Poetry and Secular Prayer. 3-5 Units.**

This course will explore the practice of "secular prayer" in early- and mid-20th Century North American poetry. We will look at diverse poetic examples of meditation, contemplation, exegesis and revelation in order to consider how and why poetry has maintained a particular relation to the sacred, even amidst a secular cultural and intellectual context. We'll also consider how this question has played out in several key strands of 20th century literary theory, with particular emphasis on New Criticism and Eco-Criticism. Primary readings will include the poetry of T.S. Eliot, Wallace Stevens, Audre Lorde, George Oppen, Robert Bly, Mary Oliver, Charles Wright and Jan Zwicky.

**COMPLIT 171. Ethics of Jihad. 5 Units.**

Why choose jihad? An introduction to Islamic ethics. Focus on ways in which people have chosen, rejected, or redefined jihad. Evaluation of the norms in moments of ethical and political choice. Topics include jihad in the age of 1001 Nights, jihad in the Arab Renaissance, jihad in Bin Laden's sermons, and the hashtag #MyJihad. All readings and discussion in English.

Same as: ETHICSOC 102R

**COMPLIT 181. Philosophy and Literature. 5 Units.**

Required gateway course for Philosophical and Literary Thought; crosslisted in departments sponsoring the Philosophy and Literature track. Majors should register in their home department; non-majors may register in any sponsoring department. Introduction to major problems at the intersection of philosophy and literature, with particular focus on the question of value: what, if anything, does engagement with literary works do for our lives? Issues include aesthetic self-fashioning, the paradox of tragedy, the paradox of caring, the truth-value of fiction, metaphor, authorship, irony, make-believe, expression, edification, clarification, and training. Readings are drawn from literature and film, philosophical theories of art, and stylistically interesting works of philosophy. Authors may include Sophocles, Chaucer, Dickinson, Proust, Woolf, Borges, Beckett, Kundera, Charlie Kaufman; Barthes, Foucault, Nussbaum, Walton, Nehamas; Plato, Montaigne, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, and Sartre. Taught in English.

Same as: CLASSICS 42, ENGLISH 81, FRENCH 181, GERMAN 181, ITALIAN 181, PHIL 81, SLAVIC 181

**COMPLIT 183. Self-Impersonation: Fiction, Autobiography, Memoir. 5 Units.**

Course will examine the intersecting genres of fiction, autobiography, and memoir. Topics will include the literary construction of selfhood and its constituent categories (gender, race, ethnicity, religion, etc.); the role of language in the development of the self; the relational nature of the self (*vis-à-vis* the family, "society," God); the cultural status of "individuality"; the concept of childhood; and the role of individual testimony in our understanding of family, religious and national history.

Same as: ENGLISH 183E

**COMPLIT 190. Tolstoy's Anna Karenina in Dialogue with Contemporary Philosophical, Social, and Ethical Thought. 3-5 Units.**

Anna Karenina, the novel as a case study in the contest between "modernity" and "tradition," their ethical order, ideology, cultural codes, and philosophies. Images of society, women and men in Tolstoy v. those of his contemporaries: Marx, Mill, Nietzsche, Weber, Durkheim, Freud. Open to juniors, seniors and graduate students. Requirements: three interpretive essays (500-1000 words each). Analysis of a passage from the novel; AK refracted through a "philosophical" prism and vice versa (30% each); class discussion and Forum (10%).

Same as: COMPLIT 390, SLAVIC 190, SLAVIC 390

**COMPLIT 194. Independent Research. 1-5 Unit.**

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**COMPLIT 195. Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. 5 Units.**

How different disciplines approach topics and issues central to the study of ethnic and race relations in the U.S. and elsewhere. Lectures by senior faculty affiliated with CSRE. Discussions led by CSRE teaching fellows. Includes an optional Haas Center for Public Service certified Community Engaged Learning section.

Same as: CSRE 196C, ENGLISH 172D, PSYCH 155, SOC 146, TAPS 165

**COMPLIT 197. Designing a Digital Community: Human Rights. 2 Units.**

This course will focus on helping to design, conceptualize, and populate an international human rights website. No knowledge of web design or of human rights is necessary to get started on this project. We have technical assistance available, though hopefully this course will attract students with those skills as well. Similarly, we will be learning about human rights as we build the site, explore and share resources and ideas, and reflect on the content. Preliminary site viewable at [teachinghumanrights.org](http://teachinghumanrights.org).

Same as: DLCL 197

**COMPLIT 199. Senior Seminar. 5 Units.**

What is criticism? When we interpret literature today, are we fulfilling the critical vocation? What are the alternatives? We consider the origins of the idea of the critic in nineteenth-century culture, its development in the twentieth century, and its current exponents, revisionists, and dissenters. Senior seminar for Comparative Literature Senior majors only.

**COMPLIT 202. Peripheral Modernism, in light of Modern Hebrew Poetry. 3-5 Units.**

Modern Hebrew Poetry is a unique, surprising branch of European and Anglo-American modernism. Reading major works of this literature – by Bialik, Rachel, Shlonsky, Goldberg, Amichai and Ravikovitch – will serve both as a comprehensive introduction to Modern Hebrew poetry as well as a case study of Peripheral Modernism vs. Modernism. Taught in English. Primary sources will be available also in Hebrew.

**COMPLIT 203. The Money Philosophers: Marx, Simmel, Keynes, Hayek. 3-5 Units.**

In this course we will discuss selections from writings by Marx, Simmel, Keynes, and Hayek that focuses on money, a key but neglected aspect of their work. It is money that drives today's economies, rather than "business", the "market", "capital", or the "state". It is this exclusive concern with monetary phenomena that uniquely defines these authors and characterizes their work as philosophical rather than economic, sociological or anthropological.

**COMPLIT 209. Advanced Readings in Persian. 2-5 Units.**

Close study and analysis of representative works of Persian literature (prose, poetry, drama) and culture (art, history, music, cinema, journalism) designed to enhance students reading skills by familiarizing them with a wide range of linguistic styles and registers.

**COMPLIT 210B. Cinematic Neorealism. 3-5 Units.**

The course will consist in a close reading and theoretical assessment of a much celebrated body of films by Rossellini, De Sica, Visconti, Pasolini, and others, subtitled in English. The seminar aims to provide students with the instruments of film analysis; to engage in the study of the aesthetics, ethics, and politics of this distinctive filmic style; to debate current definitions of realism and neorealism. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 310B, ITALIAN 210, ITALIAN 310

**COMPLIT 211A. Emile Zola. 3-5 Units.**

A comprehensive introduction to and historical analysis of Emile Zola's literary work as foundational for the late-nineteenth century literary movement that we call "Naturalism." The analysis of Zola's novels will be embedded in the historical situation of France in the transition from the Second Empire to the Third Republic, with special emphasis on the epistemological situation of that time. Knowledge of French desirable but participation through English translations will be possible.

Same as: FRENCH 211

**COMPLIT 213A. Martin Heidegger. 3-5 Units.**

Working through the most systematically important texts by Martin Heidegger and their historical moments and challenges, starting with *Being and Time* (1927), but emphasizing his philosophical production after World War II. The philological and historical understanding of the texts function as a condition for the laying open of their systematic provocations within our own (early 21st-century) situations. Satisfies the capstone seminar requirement for the major tracks in Philosophy and Literature. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 313A, GERMAN 282, GERMAN 382

**COMPLIT 214A. Wilde's Worlds: Oscar Wilde in an International Context. 2-5 Units.**

Introduction to Oscar Wilde's major works and their reception history in various international and transnational contexts from the 1890s to today, in conjunction with Wilde's iconic importance for LGBTQ history and rights: from Wilde's own love for Greece, Rome, and Japanese art, to his erotic and aesthetic networks in Paris; from international adaptations of *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *Salomé*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and *De Profundis* across Europe, Asia, and the U.S.; to Wilde's vibrant afterlife in global cinema, the visual and performing arts, and popular culture today.

Same as: FEMGEN 214A

**COMPLIT 217. The Poetry of Friedrich Holderlin. 3-5 Units.**

A working through of the complex prosodic forms, existential and political concerns, and poetological reflections of both the most past-oriented and most pathbreaking German poet of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. A comprehensive introduction that will attempt to develop an innovative view in which Holderlin will appear as one of the founding figures of literary Modernity. Knowledge of German desirable but participation through English translations will be possible.

Same as: GERMAN 217

**COMPLIT 219. Dostoevsky: Narrative Performance and Literary Theory. 3-5 Units.**

In-depth engagement with a range of Dostoevsky's genres: early works (epistolary novella *Poor Folk* and experimental *Double*), major novels (*Crime and Punishment*, *The Idiot*), less-read shorter works ("A Faint Heart," "Bobok," and "The Meek One"), and genre-bending *House of the Dead* and *Diary of a Writer*. Course applies recent theory of autobiography, performance, repetition and narrative gaps, to Dostoevsky's transformations of genre, philosophical and dramatic discourse, and narrative performance. Slavic students read primary texts in Russian, other participants in translation. Course conducted in English. For graduate students; undergraduates with advanced linguistic and critical competence may enroll with consent of instructor.

Same as: SLAVIC 251

**COMPLIT 220. Renaissance Africa. 3-5 Units.**

Literature and Portuguese expansion into Africa during the sixteenth century. Emphasis on forms of exchange between Portuguese and Africans in Morocco, Angola/Congo, South Africa, the Swahili Coast, and Ethiopia. Readings in Portuguese and English.

Same as: AFRICAST 220E, ILAC 220E, ILAC 320E

**COMPLIT 221A. Courtly Love: Deceit and Desire in the Middle Ages. 3-5 Units.**

A comparative seminar on medieval love books and their reception. We will examine and question the notion of "amour courtois," which arose in the lyrics and romances of medieval France and was codified in Romantic-era criticism. Primary readings will be enriched by thinking about this notion through the lens of modern theories of desire, such as those of Girard, Lacan, and Žižek. Conducted in English with readings in translation.

Same as: FRENCH 234, ITALIAN 234

**COMPLIT 222A. German Literature 3: Myth and Modernity. 1-5 Unit.**

Masters of German 20th- and 21st-Century literature and philosophy as they present aesthetic innovation and confront the challenges of modern technology, social alienation, manmade catastrophes, and imagine the future. Readings include Nietzsche, Freud, Rilke, Musil, Brecht, Kafka, Doebelin, Benjamin, Juenger, Arendt, Musil, Mann, Adorno, Celan, Grass, Bachmann, Bernhardt, Wolf, and Kluge. Taught in English. Undergraduates enroll in 222 for 5 units, graduate students enroll in 322 for 8 units.

Same as: GERMAN 222, GERMAN 322

**COMPLIT 223. Literature and Human Experimentation. 3-5 Units.**

This course introduces students to the ways literature has been used to think through the ethics of human subjects research and experimental medicine. We will focus primarily on readings that imaginatively revisit experiments conducted on vulnerable populations: namely groups placed at risk by their classification according to perceived human and cultural differences. We will begin with Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* (1818), and continue our study via later works of fiction, drama and literary journalism, including Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, David Feldshuh's *Miss Evers Boys*, Hannah Arendt's *Eichmann and Vivien Spitz's Doctors from Hell*, Rebecca Skloot's *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, and Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*. Each literary reading will be paired with medical, philosophical and policy writings of the period; and our ultimate goal will be to understand modes of ethics deliberation that are possible via creative uses of the imagination, and literature's place in a history of ethical thinking about humane research and care.

Same as: AFRICAAM 223, CSRE 123B, HUMBIO 175H, MED 220

**COMPLIT 224. Literature in the Age of Digital Culture. 3-5 Units.**

Study literary classics about readers and reading (by Austen, Dickinson, Wilde, Benjamin, Eliot, Orwell, Borges, Calvino, Bechdel, etc.) and compare with digital reading/writing today: fan fiction and online expansions of "the book", literary collaborations online, changing notions of "author", "reader", "work", literary-social interactions. Our literary close readings will also introduce some useful new digital tools and methods for literary studies (annotation, editing, and research tools, web-based public social interactions, innovative digital humanities projects in literary studies today). No technical prerequisites.

**COMPLIT 224A. Genocide and The Humanities. 3-5 Units.**

We will study the history and current instances of genocide and ways in which the humanities deal with these. Mass slaughter would seem to be opposed by the supposedly humane nature of the humanities. Yet in each realm of the humanities has its own constraints. We will study in historiography, memoirs, novels, and films in order to recognize ideologies of representation and signifying implications of structure. By discerning implicit values, students will gain tools they can use in working to eliminate genocide.

**COMPLIT 225E. Petrarch & Petrarchism: Fragments of the Self. 3-5 Units.**

In this course we will examine Francis Petrarch's book of Italian lyric poems, *Rerum vulgarium fragmenta*, and its reception in early modern France, England, and Spain. Readings from Petrarch's epistolary and ethical writings will contextualize historically and intellectually the aesthetics and ethics of the fragment in his poetry. With this foundation, we will investigate the long-lasting impact of Petrarch's work on Renaissance poetry and humanism, with attention to both the literary and the material aspects of its reception. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 325E, ITALIAN 225, ITALIAN 325

**COMPLIT 226A. Queer Literature and Film. 3-5 Units.**

Close analysis of major works of LGBTQ literature, film, and visual art from the 1890s to today. Students will gain deeper knowledge and appreciation of historical and contemporary forms of queer representation in various national literatures, film, and visual art; understand relevant social and political debates; and gain a basic knowledge of feminist and queer theory. Course will include an optional online component to reach out to the public (class website [queerlitfilm.wordpress.com](http://queerlitfilm.wordpress.com), social media).

Same as: FEMGEN 226A

**COMPLIT 227A. The Ballad Tradition. 3-5 Units.**

This team-taught cross-disciplinary course traces the history and aesthetics of the ballad in German, English, and Scottish literature, from the 18th century to the early 20th century. No knowledge of German is required, but reading knowledge is a plus.

Same as: GERMAN 200

**COMPLIT 228D. Introduction to Digital Humanities: Concepts, Technologies, Tools. 1-3 Unit.**

In this course, we will explore the perspectives of scholars who have thought about what "digital humanities" means and the technologies and tools that are shaping new kinds of research, scholarship, and publishing. Topics will include history of the digital humanities, textual studies, electronic literature, computational and new media, and emerging work around text, image, and new media curation and visualization. This seminar is ideal for anyone interested in digital methods and digital in the humanities, teaching with new digital methods, or to learn about all the digital humanities projects at Stanford. This course is organized as a mix of seminar and workshop and will be featuring a new platform called "Lacuna Stories," designed for Stanford students, that presents multiple platforms, media, and texts to digitally engage with narratives surrounding 9/11; active engagement by all participants is expected. Students may contribute to the field with a creative final project that they develop over the course of the quarter if they select the 3-unit option. Same as: COMPLIT 338D, DLCL 228

**COMPLIT 229. Literature and Global Health. 3-5 Units.**

This course examines the ways writers in literature and medicine have used the narrative form to explore the ethics of care in what has been called the developing world. We will begin with a call made by the editor-in-chief of *The Lancet* for a literature of global health, namely fiction modeled on the social reform novels of the nineteenth century, understood to have helped readers develop a conscience for public health as the field emerged as a modern medical specialty. We will then spend the quarter understanding how colonial, postcolonial, and world literatures have answered and complicated this call. Readings will include prose fiction by Albert Camus, Joseph Conrad, Tsitsi Dangaremba, Amitav Ghosh, Susan Sontag as well as physician memoirs featuring Frantz Fanon, Albert Schweitzer, Abraham Verghese, Paul Farmer. And each literary reading will be paired with medical, philosophical, and policy writings that deeply inform the field of global health.

Same as: AFRICAAM 229, AFRICAST 229, CSRE 129B, FRENCH 229, HUMBIO 175L, MED 234

**COMPLIT 230A. The Novel in Europe: The Age of Compromise, 1800-1848. 5 Units.**

The novel after the French revolution and the industrial take-off. Novelistic form and historical processes ¿ nation-building and the marriage market, political conservatism and the advent of fashion, aristocracy and bourgeoisie and proletariat... ¿ focusing on how stylistic choices and plot structures offer imaginary resolutions to social and ideological conflicts. Authors will include Austen, Scott, Shelley, Stendhal, Puskin, Balzac, Bronte.

**COMPLIT 232. Programming and Poetry. 2-4 Units.**

How can we study computer code as literature? What can poetry teach us about programming and vice versa? These types of questions drive this course, which has two different tracks: one for computer science students and one for literature students. The focus is on the development of a shared conceptual middle ground at which these two tracks can meet. Topics include critical code studies, code poetry, and cognition. Authors include Elizabeth Bishop, Ada Lovelace, Hayden Carruth, and Donald Knuth.

Same as: DLCL 226

**COMPLIT 233. Baroque and Neobaroque. 5 Units.**

The literary, cultural, and political implications of the 17th-century phenomenon formed in response to the conditions of the 16th century including humanism, absolutism, and early capitalism, and dispersed through Europe, the Americas, and Asia. If the Baroque is a universal code of this period, how do its vehicles, such as tragic drama, Ciceronian prose, and metaphysical poetry, converse with one another? The neobaroque as a complex reaction to the remains of the baroque in Latin American cultures, with attention to the mode in recent Brazilian literary theory and Mexican poetry.

Same as: ENGLISH 233, ILAC 293E

**COMPLIT 235A. The Queer Literature and Arts Salon, 1870s-1930s. 2-5 Units.**

Study of the vibrant 1870s-1930s European salon culture in Paris, London, Berlin, and Vienna, focusing on the crucial roles of queer writers, artists, composers, performers, and their aesthetic and erotic networks, which inspired important artistic alliances, collaborations, and avant-garde experimentations. Course addresses such figures as Wilde, Rachilde, Stein, Barney, Romaine Brooks, Winnaretta Singer, Stravinsky, Diaghilev, Marie-Laure de Noailles, Poulenc, Ravel, Man Ray, Cocteau; movements like the Ballets Russes, Art Nouveau, the Munich and Vienna Secession movements, Surrealism, Art Deco, etc. Assignments may include digital arts salon project (no technical prerequisites) and/or outreach to community organizations.

Same as: FEMGEN 235A

**COMPLIT 236. Literature and Transgression. 3-5 Units.**

Close reading and analysis of erotic-sexual and aesthetic-stylistic transgression in selected works by such authors as Baudelaire, Wilde, Flaubert, Rachilde, Schnitzler, Kafka, Joyce, Barnes, Eliot, Bataille, Burroughs, Thomas Mann, Kathy Acker, as well as in recent digital literature and online communities. Along with understanding the changing cultural, social, and political contexts of what constitutes "transgression" or censorship, students will gain knowledge of influential theories of transgression and conceptual limits by Foucault, Blanchot, and contemporary queer and feminist writers.

Same as: FEMGEN 236

**COMPLIT 237A. Jesters, Cross-dressers, and Rebels: A Subversive History of Persian Literature. 3-5 Units.**

This course seeks to offer an alternative history of Persian literature from the Middle Ages to the present by looking at literary forms and figures that are not part of the canon: the counter-classical traditions of parody and satire, the folk genres of shadow play and *takhteh-howzi*, the theatrical art of wandering minstrels, 20th century revolutionary songs, etc. We will be tracing the burlesque, scatological, carnivalesque, and, more generally, irreverent in Persian literature and see how these elements subvert established social norms and political orders. Even though the course will draw on materials from Persian literature and culture, the aim is broader: to ask questions about power, hierarchies, censorship, the formation of a literary canon through the exclusion of certain narratives, the role of humour and laughter, the subversive force of the female - even as a cross-dresser - in public performance, and profanity as a tool of protest against the hegemonic order. Open to undergraduates and graduates. Taught in English. If desired, selected readings can be provided in Persian.

**COMPLIT 237C. Human Rights, Literature, Justice. 3-5 Units.**

This course will have three components. The first will be a set of readings on the history and ethos of modern human rights. These readings will come from philosophy, history, political theory. The second component will consist of readings from various global locations that involve human rights in various ways, predominantly as they interface with issues of environmental justice. Finally, this course will involve students in creating and populating a website that will be not only the archive of our work in class but also build a set of resources to be shared with others (we will be adding partners from different locations to speak to us online from their locations as well as to share resources and ideas). We will come away from this class with a good introduction to human rights history and philosophy; a set of insights into a variety of imaginative workings-out of human rights and environmental justice issues from different global locations, and a rich web resource.

**COMPLIT 238A. Uneasy Modernity: 20th Century Persian Poetry and the Specter of Tradition. 3-5 Units.**

Drawing on poems, theoretical texts, and audio-visual materials, this course seeks to retrace the struggle for a modern poetic language in Iran from the time of the Constitutional Revolution (1905/6) to the Islamic Revolution (1979), and beyond. Topics include: the unresolved relationship between tradition and modernity; poetry as a vehicle of enlightenment and revolution; the quest for a new poetic expression of love; the construction of historical memory through literature; responses to the experience of modern alienation; the figure of the poet as dissident; and the subversive force of poetic form itself. Poets include: Iraj Mirz, Mohammad Taqi Bah'r, Nim Yushij, Ahmad Shmlu, Sohrb Sepehri, Mehdi Akhavan Sles, Forugh Farrokhzad, and Esm'ail Kho'i. Secondary readings include texts by Theodor W. Adorno, Mikhail Bakhtin, Emile Benveniste, Maurice Blanchot, Michel de Certeau, Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, and Paul Ricur. Taught in English.

**COMPLIT 239B. Literature and Social Online Learning. 3-5 Units.**

Study, develop, and test new digital methods, games, apps, interactive social media uses to innovate how the humanities can engage and educate students and the public today. Exploring well-known literary texts, digital storytelling forms and literary communities online, students work individually and in interdisciplinary teams to develop innovative projects aimed at bringing literature to life. Tasks include literary role-plays on Twitter; researching existing digital pedagogy and literary projects, games, and apps; reading and coding challenges; collaborative social events mediated by new technology. Minimal prerequisites which vary for students in CS and the humanities; please check with instructors. Same as: CS 27, ENGLISH 239B

**COMPLIT 240A. Introduction to Hebrew Literature. 3-5 Units.**

The influence of biblical poetry, piyut, and medieval Hebrew poetry on the development of Modern Hebrew poetry. With focus on voice, space, lyrical Subjectivity, Intertextuality, and Poetic Forms. Guest Speakers include Tamar Zwi, Susan Einbinder, Berry Saharoff, and Raymond Scheindlin.

**COMPLIT 242A. Short Stories from South Asia. 3-5 Units.**

This course will explore how cultural identities of the nations in South Asia were re-defined after the Partition of India in 1947, the independence of Sri Lanka in 1948 and the formation of Bangladesh in 1971. Comparative/cross-cultural study of stories will be taken up for indepth analysis based on certain themes like partition and violence, myth and narrative, gender and narrative, music and narratology, familial patterns, etc.

**COMPLIT 243A. From Idol to Equal: Changing Images of Love in 20th-Century Persian and Turkish Literature. 3-5 Units.**

This course will explore the changing images of love in pivotal works of modern Persian and Turkish literature. Classes will include close readings and discussions of poems, short stories, and plays with particular attention to the constellation of lover/beloved, the theme of romantic love, and the cultural and historical background of these elements. Our starting point will be the adoption of the novel as a form in the late 19th century. From there, we will explore different figurations of love in key texts of the 20th century up to the Islamic Revolution in Iran (1978) and the *coup d'état* in Turkey (1980). Themes will include the end of empire and the demise of the concubine, the portrayal of the homeland as lover, secularization and the lifting of the veil, the figure of the female pioneer, the conflict of western and eastern morals, the prostitute as a new paradigm, the emergence of female writers, and avantgarde conceptions of love. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. All readings and discussions will be in English.

**COMPLIT 243B. Readings in Avicenna and al-Jurjani. 3-5 Units.**

Classical Arabic reading course. Instructor approval required. Prerequisite: minimum two years of Arabic at Stanford or equivalent.

**COMPLIT 245. Introductory Ottoman Turkish. 1-3 Unit.**

This course is an introduction to basic orthographic conventions and grammatical characteristics of Ottoman Turkish through readings in printed material from the 19th and 20th centuries. Selected readings will range from poetry to prose, from state documents, newspaper and journal articles to reference works. Course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Prior knowledge of modern Turkish is required (Completion of COMPLIT 248A, COMPLIT 248B Reading Turkish I&II and COMPLIT 248C Advanced Turkish OR AMELANG 184 & 185 First & Second Year Turkish OR a solid knowledge of Turkish grammar.) Please contact the instructor for more information.

**COMPLIT 245B. ADVANCED READING IN TURKISH. 3-53 Units.**

Close study and analysis of representative works of Italian literature (prose, poetry, drama) and culture (art, history, music, cinema, politics) designed to enhance the student's reading skills. Usually offered every year.

**COMPLIT 246B. Ottoman Translation Workshop. 1-2 Unit.**

This course aims to provide students with training in reading printed Ottoman Turkish texts and translating them into English. Through translation we will explore not only syntactical and lexical problems, but also cultural history and politics as they relate to the texts. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. High intermediate or advanced level of modern Turkish and introductory level of Ottoman Turkish is required. Contact Burcu Karahan Richardson (bkarahan@stanford.edu) for more information.

**COMPLIT 247. Bollywood and Beyond: An Introduction to Indian Film. 3-5 Units.**

A broad engagement with Indian cinema: its relationship with Indian politics, history, and economics; its key thematic concerns and forms; and its adaptation of and response to global cinematic themes, genres, and audiences. Locating the films within key critical and theoretical debates and scholarship on Indian and world cinemas. Goal is to open up what is often seen as a dauntingly complex region, especially for those who are interested in but unfamiliar with its histories and cultural forms. Same as: FILMSTUD 250B, GLOBAL 250

**COMPLIT 247F. Beyond Casablanca: North African Cinema and Literature. 3-5 Units.**

This course explores the emergence of Francophone cinema and literature from North Africa (Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco) in the post-independence era: aesthetics, exile, language *métissage*, race and gender relations, collective memory, parallax, nationalism, *laïcité*, religion, emigration and immigration, and the Arab Spring will be covered. Special attention will be given to judeo-maghrebi history, and to the notions of francophone / maghrebi / "beur" / diasporic cinema and literature. Readings from Frantz Fanon, Albert Memmi, Kateb Yacine, Albert Camus, Colette Fellous, Abdelkebir Khatibi, Leila Sebbar, Benjamin Stora, Lucette Valensi, Abdelwahab Meddeb. Movies include *Viva Laldjérie*, *Tenja*, *Le Chant des Mariées*, *Française*, *Bled Number One*, *Omar Gatlato*, *Casanegra*, *La Saison des Hommes*. Taught in French. Films in French and Arabic with English subtitles. Same as: FRENCH 242, JEWISHST 242

**COMPLIT 248A. Reading Turkish I. 2-4 Units.**

Reading Turkish I is an introduction to the structures of the Turkish language necessary for reading. It is designed to develop reading competence in Turkish for graduate students. Undergraduates should consult the instructor before enrolling for the course. Essential grammar, syntax points, vocabulary, and reading skills will be emphasized. This is not a traditional language course that takes an integrated four-skill approach; since the goal is advanced reading level, the focus is mainly on grammar, reading comprehension, and translation. With full concentration on reading, we will be able to cover advanced material in a short amount of time. The course is conducted in English, but students will be exposed to the sounds of Turkish, and will have the opportunity to practice pronunciation in class. nnCOMPLIT 248A Reading Turkish I is followed by COMPLIT 248B Reading Turkish II in the Winter and COMPLIT 248C Advanced Turkish for Research in the Spring."



**COMPLIT 248B. Reading Turkish II. 2-4 Units.**

This course is the continuation of COMPLIT 248A Reading Turkish I, which served as an introduction to the structures of the Turkish language necessary for reading. It is designed to develop reading competence in Turkish for graduate students. Undergraduates should consult the instructor before enrolling for the course. Essential grammar, syntax points, vocabulary, and reading skills will be emphasized. This is not a traditional language course that takes an integrated four-skill approach; it focuses only on reading, and as a result we will be able to cover advanced material in a short amount of time. This course is conducted in English, but students will be exposed to the sounds of Turkish, and will have the opportunity to practice pronunciation in class. COMPLIT 248B is followed by COMPLIT 248C Advanced Turkish for Research in the Spring.

**COMPLIT 248C. Advanced Turkish-English Translation. 2-4 Units.**

This course is the continuation of COMPLIT 248A Reading Turkish I and COMPLIT 248B Reading Turkish II. Refining advanced grammar, reading, and translation skills in modern Turkish through intensive reading and translation from a variety of source texts. Emphasis on Turkish cultural, historical, literary, and political texts depending on students' academic interests. Prerequisites COMPLIT 248A & B or prior knowledge of Turkish and consultation with the instructor is necessary.

**COMPLIT 249A. The Iranian Cinema: Image and Meaning. 1-3 Unit.**

This course will focus on the analysis of ten Iranian films with the view of conducting a discourse on the semiotics of Iranian art and culture. Each session will be designated to the viewing of a film by a prominent Iranian filmmaker. Students are expected to prepare for class by having previously examined other available films by the filmmaker under consideration.

Same as: GLOBAL 249A

**COMPLIT 249B. Iranian Cinema in Diaspora. 1-3 Unit.**

Despite enormous obstacles, immigrant Iranian filmmakers, within a few decades (after the Iranian Revolution), have created a slow but steady stream of films outside Iran. They were originally started by individual spontaneous attempts from different corners of the world and by now we can identify common lines of interest amongst them. There are also major differences between them. These films have never been allowed to be screened inside Iran, and without any support from the global system of production and distribution, as independent and individual attempts, they have enjoyed little attention. Despite all this, Iranian cinema in exile is in no sense any less important than Iranian cinema inside Iran. In this course we will view one such film, made outside Iran, in each class meeting and expect to reach a common consensus in identifying the general patterns within these works and this movement. Questions such as the ones listed below will be addressed in our meetings each week: What changes in aesthetics and point of view of the filmmaker are caused by the change in his or her work environment? Though unwisely these films are made outside Iran, how related are they to the known (recognized) cinema within Iran? And in fact, to what extent do these films express things that are left unsaid by the cinema within Iran?

Same as: GLOBAL 249B

**COMPLIT 249C. Contemporary Iranian Theater. 1-3 Unit.**

Today, Iranian plays, both in traditional and contemporary styles, are staged in theater festivals throughout the world and play their role in forming a universal language of theater which combine the heritages from countries in all five continents. Despite many obstacles, some Iranian plays have been translated into English and some prominent Iranian figures are successful stage directors outside Iran. Forty-six years ago when "Theater in Iran" (a monograph on the history of Iranian plays) by Bahram Beyzaie was first published, it put the then contemporary Iranian theater movement, which was altogether westernizing itself blindly, face to face with a new kind of self-awareness. Hence, today's generation of playwrights and stage directors in Iran, all know something of their theatrical heritage. In this course we will spend some class sessions on the history of theater in Iran and some class meetings will be concentrating on contemporary movements and present day playwrights. Given the dearth of visual documents, an attempt will be made to present a picture of Iranian theater to the student. Students are expected to read the recommended available translated plays of the contemporary Iranian playwrights and participate in classroom discussions. NOTE: This course must be taken for a minimum of 3 units and a letter grade to be eligible for Ways credit.

Same as: GLOBAL 249C

**COMPLIT 250. Literature, History and Memory. 3-5 Units.**

Analysis of literary works as historical narratives. Focus on the relationship history, fiction, and memory as reflected in Francophone literary texts that envision new ways of reconstructing or representing ancient or immediate past. Among questions to be raised: individual memory and collective history, master narratives and alternatives histories, the role of reconstructing history in the shaping or consolidating national or gender identities. Readings include fiction by Glissant, Kane, Condé, Schwarz-Bart, Djébar, Perec, as well as theoretical texts by Ricoeur, de Certeau, Nora, Halbwachs, White, Echevarría. Taught in French.

Same as: FRENCH 248

**COMPLIT 252A. Classic Arabic Poetry. 3-5 Units.**

Introduction to great Arabic poetry from the sixth to the twenty-first century. Imru' al-Qays, al-Mutanabbi, Mahmud Darwish, and more. Includes focus on the skills needed to read and understand, from grammar to dictionaries, encyclopedias, memorization, and the internet. Readings in Arabic. Two years of Arabic at Stanford or equivalent required. Counts for the Arabic Track in the MELLAC Minor.

**COMPLIT 252B. Classic Arabic Prose. 3-5 Units.**

Introduction to great Arabic prose writing from the 700s and the dawn of Islam to the 2010s and the Arab Spring. Al-Jahiz, Naguib Mahfouz, and more. Includes focus on the skills needed to read and understand, from grammar to dictionaries, encyclopedias, and the internet. Readings in Arabic. Two years of Arabic at Stanford or equivalent required. Counts for the Arabic Track in the MELLAC Minor.

**COMPLIT 253. Honoré de Balzac. 3-5 Units.**

Working through a selection of novels by the author widely considered as a founder of western (19th-century) "Literary Realism." Balzac's will be contextualized within his life and the French culture and literature of his time. We will also approach, from a philosophical point of view, the emergence and functions of "Literary Realism." Another focus will be Balzac's work as exemplary of certain traditions within Literary Criticism (particularly Marxist Literary Criticism). Taught in English.

Same as: FRENCH 253

**COMPLIT 253C. Aesthetics. 1-5 Unit.**

A double reflection about a) the historical emergence of concepts and discourses referring to aesthetic sensibility, creativity and judgment in early Western Modernity, and b) the potential and the limits of this philosophical endeavor.

Same as: COMPLIT 153C

**COMPLIT 254. Modern Chinese Novel: Theory, Aesthetics, History. 4 Units.**

By reading theories of fiction along with 5 representative Chinese novels, the course explores the individual's relationships to the moral fabric of family, community, and society. In the transition from the traditional culture to the modern world, the traditional moral order was dismantled. Yet strands of old morality persist and are revitalized into new moral imperatives. The modern Chinese novel will be a prism to comprehend the critique and novelization of the moral norms in the formation of modern subjectivity. The theoretical half of the course includes Taylor's *Sources of the Self*, *Slaughter's Human Rights, Inc.*, Marston Anderson's *Limits of Realism*, and works by Chinese theorists. We will read fictions by Wu Woyao, Mao Dun, Ding Ling, Zhang Rong, and Yu Hua. This course will be part of the workshop *Moral Reform, Public Virtue, and Literature*, sponsored by Stanford's McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society. Speakers will be invited to present their work. All books are provided for free.

Same as: CHINA 374

**COMPLIT 254A. Was Deconstruction an Illusion?. 3-5 Units.**

A both systematic and historical presentation of "Deconstruction" as a philosophical and intellectual movement that dominated academic and general culture in many western societies during the final decades of the twentieth century, with special focus on the writings of Jacques Derrida and Paul de Man. Deconstruction's specific reception history obliges us to ask the question of whether the extremely high esteem that it enjoyed over two decades was intellectually justified or the result of a misunderstanding. Participation through English translations is possible.

Same as: FRENCH 254

**COMPLIT 257A. Literature and Death: An Existential Constellation in its Historical Unfolding. 2-3 Units.**

This seminar will pursue the intuition that literary texts, due to their status as *fiction*, have always been intensely related to Death as the ultimate horizon of individual existence, a horizon that is only available to our *imagination*. We will concentrate on this *largely unexplored* link as an existential constellation of concrete historical and of challenging philosophical complexity. The discussions will begin with a detailed analysis of the canonical passages in Martin Heidegger's *Being and Time* from 1927 that try to understand the difference between Death *as seen from outside* and Death in its *Jemeinigkeit*, that is Death as the absolute end-horizon of individual existence which necessarily causes *Angst* because it is followed by *Nothingness*. On this basis and supplemented by an introduction into several present-day theories and reflections on *imagination* as a distinct potential of the human mind, we will dedicate the weekly seminar sessions to specific historical moments and different literary (and perhaps artistic) forms that have articulated the connection between Death and Literature (with the final choice of texts and paradigms being open to the participants' interests and area of competence). Topics and textual materials may include: fifth century Greek Tragedy, Roman Stoicism, Medieval Epic in the context of Christian cosmology, Death as a horizon of individual existence in early Modernity (*Don Quijote*), the invisible presence of Death in baroque art, the bracketing of Death in the context of the Enlightenment mentality, Death and suicide as gestures of Romantic self-stylization, the presence of Death in Classical and Romantic conception of music, Death and the absence of God in nineteenth century novels and philosophy, the experience of World War I and a new intensity in the experience of Death, Death and grand abstraction in art, Death in mid-twentieth century Existentialism, Death and its place in the *Anthropocene* as an early twenty-first century frame of mind. Emphasizing weekly the reading assignments and intense participation in the seminar discussions, this course is laid out for two units (no final paper) but open for the participation of auditors (including undergraduate students with specific areas of competence) who are willing to work through the full range of philosophical texts, literary texts, and artworks on the syllabus. Students interested in this topic should begin with a reading of Heidegger's *Being and Time* and try to remember own readings and forms of experiences that seem pertinent to this topic. Contact with the instructor during the summer months is encouraged (sepp@stanford.edu).

Same as: COMPLIT 355A, FRENCH 256, ITALIAN 255

**COMPLIT 258A. Existentialism, from Moral Quest to Novelistic Form. 3-5 Units.**

This seminar intends to follow the development of Existentialism from its genesis to its literary expressions in the European postwar. The notions of defining commitment, of moral ambiguity, the project of the self, and the critique of humanism will be studied in selected texts by Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Unamuno, Albert Camus, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and Joan Sales.

**COMPLIT 259A. Levinas and Literature. 3-5 Units.**

Focus is on major works by French phenomenologist Emmanuel Levinas (1906-1995) and their import for literary studies. Aim is to discuss and evaluate Levinas's (often latent) aesthetics through a close reading of his work in phenomenology, ethics, and Jewish philosophy. If poetry has come to seem barbaric (or at least useless) in a world so deeply shaped by genocide, forced migration, and climate change, Levinas offers a clear and deeply engaged path forward. If you love literature but still haven't figured out what on earth it might be good for, this course is for you. Readings and discussion in English.

Same as: JEWISHST 249A

**COMPLIT 260B. Love and Negativity in Medieval Persian Mysticism. 3-5 Units.**

An analysis of apophatic discourses of love in medieval Persian mystical texts, 800-1300 AD. The philosophical underpinnings and implications of Sufi thought are discussed in this course. The principal aim, however, is to shed light on the radical poetic force of the Persian texts. Topics to be addressed include the fundamentally oral, temporal nature of mystic speech; the relation of the speaking I to the unknown and unknowable Other; the discourse of love in which God and the beloved are one; the linguistic fragmentation of mystical discourse, straining against the edges of meaning; the possibility of salvaging mystical experience in language; and, finally, the question of apophasis as a theologically and politically subversive act. Primary readings include texts on and by Bayazid Bastami (800-874), Mansur al-Hallaj (857-922), Ayn al-Qozat al-Hamadani (1098-1131), Ruzbihan Baqli (1128-1209), Farid al-Din Attar (1145/46-1221), Shahab ad-Din al-Suhrawardi (1154-1191), and Jalal al-Din Rumi (d. 1273). These texts will be complemented by readings from Georges Bataille, Maurice Blanchot, Michel de Certeau, Jacques Derrida, Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, Emmanuel Levinas, and Paul Ricoeur, among others. Taught in English.

**COMPLIT 262A. Explosions of Enlightenment. 3-5 Units.**

Eighteenth-century culture seen as permeated by intellectual and artistic practices and plays pushing principles of reason and rationality to an extreme that becomes self-undercutting. Such obsessions and practices are becoming more visible and prominent now, as the traditional concept of "Enlightenment" (synonymous with the 18th century) is undergoing a profound transformation. Among the protagonists of this seminar will be: Diderot as a philosopher and novelist; Lichtenberg as a scientist and writer of everyday notes; Goya, accusing violence and obsessed with nightmarish visions; Mozart as the excessive master of repetition and variation.

Same as: GERMAN 262A

**COMPLIT 264. Walter Benjamin. 3-5 Units.**

Walter Benjamin's work as cultural historian, critic, literary author and philosopher, seen from the trajectory of a German-Jewish intellectual life in the context of the first half of the 20th century. Providing such a historical perspective will be the condition for an actively critical reading of Benjamin's works; a reading that – counter to the predominant Benjamin-reception – will try to distinguish between works of purely biographical and historical interest and those Benjamin texts that prove to be of great and lasting intellectual value. Taught in English.

Same as: GERMAN 264A

**COMPLIT 270. Poetess (Obsolete): Women Poets Take Back Time. 1-5 Unit.**

Is there a tradition of women poets creating forms against the grain of their time? Close reading of women poets in conjunction with short readings in philosophy of time (Kant, Kierkegaard, Bergson, Heidegger). Syllabus includes Sappho, Dickinson, G Mistral, M Moore, E Bishop, Akhmatova, Tsvetaeva, Plath, N Sachs, G Brooks, Harjo, Cisneros, Szyborska, Students will introduce their favorites. Last weeks: living poet-performers, including our own Stanford talent. Poetry party/ Symposium at end.

**COMPLIT 271A. Futurity: Why the Past Matters. 3-5 Units.**

Drawing on literature, the arts, political discourse, museums, and new media, this course asks why and how we take interest in the watershed events of the modern era; how does contemporary culture engages with modern, made-made disasters such as the World Wars or 9/11? Readings and viewings include the literature of G. Grass, W. G. Sebald, Ian McEwan, Toni Morrison and Cormac McCarthy; the cinema of Kathryn Bigelow and Steven Spielberg; speeches by Barak Obama; and the theoretical writing of Walter Benjamin, Hayden White, Fredric Jameson, among others. Taught in English.

Same as: GERMAN 271

**COMPLIT 275. Humanities Education in the Changing University. 3 Units.**

Advanced study in the humanities faces changes within fields, the university and the wider culture. Considers the debate over the status of the humanities with regard to historical genealogies and current innovations. Particular attention on changes in doctoral education. Topics include: origins of the research university; disciplines and specialization; liberal education in conflict with professionalization; literature and literacy education; interdisciplinarity as a challenge to departments; education policy; digital humanities; accountability in education, assessment and student-centered pedagogies.

Same as: DLCL 320, GERMAN 250

**COMPLIT 278. European Nihilism. 3-5 Units.**

This course will probe the thought of nothingness in various European writers and thinkers. The main authors include Giacomo Leopardi, Nietzsche, Michelstader, Heidegger, Beckett, and Emile Cioran.

Same as: COMPLIT 378, FRENCH 278, FRENCH 378, ITALIAN 278, ITALIAN 378

**COMPLIT 281. Visions of the Future in Literature. 4 Units.**

Emphasis on personal and collective future as perceived and described in works translated from Hebrew or written originally in English. Focus on novels, short stories, poems and movies that deal both with the future of Israel and the Middle East and the future of individuals in the area. Guest speaker on Science Fiction and the Graphic Novel. The course is part of "The Future of Storytelling" activities organized by Taube Center for Jewish Studies.

**COMPLIT 281E. Pirandello, Sartre, and Beckett. 3-5 Units.**

In this course we will read the main novels and plays of Pirandello, Sartre, and Beckett, with special emphasis on the existentialist themes of their work. Readings include *The Late Mattia Pascal*, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *Henry IV*; *Nausea*, *No Exit*, "Existentialism is a Humanism"; *Molloy*, *Endgame*, *Krapp's Last Tape*, *Waiting for Godot*. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 381E, FRENCH 214, FRENCH 314, ITALIAN 214, ITALIAN 314

**COMPLIT 283. Masterpieces of Hebrew Literature from the Bible to the Present. 3-5 Units.**

This course presents and reflects on some of the canonical works of Hebrew literature, from biblical era to the present. Discussing works such as the Wisdom Books and selections from the Midrash; and reflecting on important periods such as the Golden Age of Jewish Culture in Spain, the Renaissance, and contemporary Israeli literature, we will highlight linguistic innovation, as well as crucial thematic and philosophical concerns. Readings include the Book of Job, Psalm, Ibn Gabirol, Mapu, Rachel, Goldbegr, Agnon, S. Yizhar, Amichai, Oz and more.

Same as: JEWISHST 243

**COMPLIT 290. Human Rights in a Global Frame: Race, Place, Redress, Resistance. 3-5 Units.**

A presentation of human rights discourse around issues of how we "occupy" space. Centering on racialized spaces and the effects on a wide range rights in US and in other countries. Readings on human rights, history, critique. Deep readings in cultural texts and practices that name injustice and seek redress in a number of forms.

Same as: AFRICAAM 290, CSRE 290

**COMPLIT 302. Film Series: Understanding Turkey Through Film. 1 Unit.**

Join us in our quest to understand the recent developments in Turkey and their impact on its people through cinematic production. Set against the backdrop of Turkey's cultural, political and social transformation in the last decade, the movies in this series tell the uneasy stories of individuals whose lives are affected by this disruptive change. By examining the link between individual troubles and public issues, the films confront issues such as globalization, gender and racial hierarchy, neo-liberal urban transformation, male domination, state oppression, and women's oppression in Turkey. Each screening will be followed by a discussion lead by invited scholars of Turkey or film directors. At each screening we will look closely at a film and discuss how the directors and script writers responded to larger scale cultural and social dynamics to present them as personal stories. Enrolled students must attend all five screenings and at least three talks of their choice at the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies annual conference Understanding Turkey: Vision, Revision, and the Future which will be held on April 28-29 2017. All screenings are free and open to the public. All attendees are encouraged to participate in the post-screening discussions. All films are in Turkish with English subtitles. Same as: COMPLIT 102

**COMPLIT 303D. Thinking in Fiction. 5 Units.**

Narrative and cognition in 18th-century fictional, philosophical, scientific, and cultural texts. Probable readings: Hobbes, Locke, Newton, Swift, Defoe, Hume, Lennox, Sterne, Adam Smith, Wollstonecraft, and Bentham. Same as: ENGLISH 303D

**COMPLIT 306. "Rethinking" Cognitive Mapping. 5 Units.**

Fredric Jameson begins his famous 1990 essay: "I am addressing a subject about which I know nothing whatsoever, except for the fact that it does not exist." A quarter of a century later we are going to ask, does it now? How does our sense of the world now register a new set of aesthetic, technological, and ideological formations? What is a "global positioning system"? What does it mean to walk through space these days? We will look at major theoretical essays, as well texts from China, Palestine, and Los Angeles. We will examine new cartographies, technologies, literary representations, all with a commitment to history and "location", whatever that us, and an abiding question about ethics - what does it mean to "take a position"? Students will be encouraged to experiment with and introduce to us new modes of mapping. Throughout we will strive to maintain both a spirit of exploration and of critique.

**COMPLIT 310. Introduction to Comparative Queer Literary Studies. 3-5 Units.**

Introduction to the comparative literary study of important gay, lesbian, queer, bisexual, and transgender writers and their changing social, political, and cultural contexts from the 1880s to today: Oscar Wilde, Rachilde, Radclyffe Hall, Djuna Barnes, James Baldwin, Jean Genet, Audre Lorde, Cherrie Moraga, Jeanette Winterson, Alison Bechdel and others, discussed in the context of 20th-century feminist and queer literary and social theories of gender and sexuality. Same as: COMPLIT 110, FEMGEN 110X, FEMGEN 310X

**COMPLIT 310B. Cinematic Neorealism. 3-5 Units.**

The course will consist in a close reading and theoretical assessment of a much celebrated body of films by Rossellini, De Sica, Visconti, Pasolini, and others, subtitled in English. The seminar aims to provide students with the instruments of film analysis; to engage in the study of the aesthetics, ethics, and politics of this distinctive filmic style; to debate current definitions of realism and neorealism. Taught in English. Same as: COMPLIT 210B, ITALIAN 210, ITALIAN 310

**COMPLIT 311. Shakespeare, Islam, and Others. 5 Units.**

Shakespeare and other early modern writers in relation to new work on Islam and the Ottoman Turk in early modern studies. *Othello*, *Twelfth Night*, *Titus Andronicus*, *The Merchant of Venice*, and other Shakespeare plays. Kyd's *Solyman and Perseda*, Daborne's *A Christian Turned Turk*, Massinger's *The Renegado*, Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*, and literary and historical materials.

**COMPLIT 311C. German Capstone: Reading Franz Kafka. 3-5 Units.**

This class will address major works by Franz Kafka and consider Kafka as a modernist writer whose work reflects on modernity. We will also examine the role of Kafka's themes and poetics in the work of contemporary writers. (Meets Writing-in-the-Major requirement). Same as: COMPLIT 111, GERMAN 190, GERMAN 390, JEWISHST 147, JEWISHST 349

**COMPLIT 312. Oscar Wilde and the French Decadents. 3-5 Units.**

Close reading of Oscar Wilde's work together with major texts and authors of 19th-century French Decadence, including Symbolism, *l'art pour l'art*, and early Modernism. Points of contact between Wilde and avant-garde Paris salons; provocative, creative intersections between (homo)erotic and aesthetic styles, transgression; literary and cultural developments from Baudelaire to Mallarmé, Huysmans, Flaubert, Rachilde, Lorrain, and Proust compared with Wilde's *Salomé*, *Picture of Dorian Gray*, and critical writings; relevant historical and philosophical contexts. All readings in English; all student levels welcome. Same as: COMPLIT 112, FRENCH 112, FRENCH 312

**COMPLIT 313A. Martin Heidegger. 3-5 Units.**

Working through the most systematically important texts by Martin Heidegger and their historical moments and challenges, starting with *Being and Time* (1927), but emphasizing his philosophical production after World War II. The philological and historical understanding of the texts function as a condition for the laying open of their systematic provocations within our own (early 21st-century) situations. Satisfies the capstone seminar requirement for the major tracks in Philosophy and Literature. Taught in English. Same as: COMPLIT 213A, GERMAN 282, GERMAN 382

**COMPLIT 315. Nabokov in the Transnational Context. 3-5 Units.**

Nabokov's techniques of migration and camouflage as he inhabits the literary and historical contexts of St. Petersburg, Berlin, Paris, America, and Switzerland. His early and late stories, last Russian novel "The Gift," "Lolita" (the novel and screenplay), and "Pale Fire." Readings in English. Russian speakers will be encouraged to read Russian texts in original. Same as: COMPLIT 115, SLAVIC 156, SLAVIC 356

**COMPLIT 317. João/Joyce: Guimarães Rosa and the World Novel. 3-5 Units.**

A comparative analysis of João Guimarães Rosa's (1908-1967) work, with special attention to the novel *Grande Sertão-Veredas*, translated by a Stanford professor, launched by A. Knopf in 1963. Rosa's fiction disturbs gender, racial, and literary divisions by the creation of a Babelic Brazilian Portuguese language from the sertão. Students increase their literary vocabulary with new terms, *nonada* and *conversa*, and a gallery of Indigenous, Afro-Americans, *mestizos*, and foreigners' characters. Discussions in English; readings in Portuguese and Spanish. Same as: ILAC 367

**COMPLIT 320A. Epic and Empire. 5 Units.**

Focus is on Virgil's *Aeneid* and its influence, tracing the European epic tradition (Ariosto, Tasso, Camoes, Spenser, and Milton) to New World discovery and mercantile expansion in the early modern period. Same as: ENGLISH 314

**COMPLIT 321A. German Literature 2: Selfhood and History. 1-5 Unit.**

How the literature of the period between 1750 and 1900 gives voice to new conceptions of selfhood and articulates the emergent self understanding of modernity. Responses to unprecedented historical experiences such as the French Revolution and the ensuing wars, changes in the understanding of nature, the crisis of foundations, and the persistence of theological motifs. Lessing, Herder, Goethe, Schiller, Holderlin, Kleist, Heine, Buchner, Keller, and Fontane. Taught in English, readings in German. (Note: Fulfills DLCL 325 for AY 1415 for the PhD Minor in the Humanities). Same as: GERMAN 221, GERMAN 321

**COMPLIT 321B. Anthropology and Literature: Problems of Representation, Power, and Textuality. 5 Units.**

How are literary and social scientific forms of cultural description, evocation, and interpretation related? The seminar reads classic texts as well as recent experiments, addressing issues of genre, rhetoric, epistemology, translation, authority, and collaboration. The emphasis is on writing as a situated practice; embodied, relational, and historically circumscribed. Authors may include Malinowski, Mead, Benedict, Lévi-Strauss, Geertz, Taussig, Leiris, Conrad, Achebe, Said, Barthes, Kroeber, Le Guin, and selected contemporary ethnographies. Examples from film, visual culture, and performance art may also be included.

Same as: ANTHRO 321A

**COMPLIT 322. A Re-reading of "Critique of Cynical Reason," Thirty-Three Years Later. 1 Unit.**

With a publication date of the German original in 1983, Peter Sloterdijk's "Critique of Cynical Reason" has become one of the most influential and widely read philosophical works of the 20th century. Based on a close reading of its English translation, the author offers a historical and self-revisionist reading of his own – long canonized – text. This course meets only four times: 11/18, 11/30, 12/02, and 12/09. INSTRUCTOR: Peter Sloterdijk.

**COMPLIT 324. Landscapes of the Sublime. 5 Units.**

The modern notion of the sublime in philosophy, literature, and art, emphasizing its connection to space and landscape. Topics include: how global exploration contributed to the sublime in the late 17th and 18th centuries; the romantic interiorization of the sublime; and the sublime's connection to mimesis, power, work, and technology. Writers may include Milton, Burke, Kant, Deleuze and Guattari, Freud, the Shelleys, Coleridge, Hugo, Baudelaire, and Rimbaud; artists may include Gericault, Turner, Delacroix, and Friedrich.

**COMPLIT 325. Rethinking Comparative Literary Study Outside of Academia. 2 Units.**

This graduate seminar will serve three primary purposes: 1) we will create and inspire a dialogue to help us think through the application of comparative literary study in non-academic contexts, 2) we will refine our ideas by applying them in various exercises and settings, and, as a result, 3) we will need to investigate what is meant by the phrase "critical thinking." nnBroadly speaking, this seminar represents a forum for thinking creatively about the unique skills of a doctoral student as well as the specific challenges that await when pursuing career opportunities outside of academia. The goal is to come out of the seminar with a heightened appreciation of the humanities skill set in applications that may present new opportunities for the student. Texts will be highly cross-disciplinary, drawing from legal, financial, and technological traditions and mediums. No prerequisites required.

**COMPLIT 325E. Petrarch & Petrarchism: Fragments of the Self. 3-5 Units.**

In this course we will examine Francis Petrarch's book of Italian lyric poems, *Rerum vulgarium fragmenta*, and its reception in early modern France, England, and Spain. Readings from Petrarch's epistolary and ethical writings will contextualize historically and intellectually the aesthetics and ethics of the fragment in his poetry. With this foundation, we will investigate the long-lasting impact of Petrarch's work on Renaissance poetry and humanism, with attention to both the literary and the material aspects of its reception. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 225E, ITALIAN 225, ITALIAN 325

**COMPLIT 326. (Pseudo)Bakhtin: Marxism, Formalism and Psychoanalysis in the Early 20th-Century Cultural Discourse.. 2 Units.**

The course explores the works allegedly written by the great Russian critic Mikhail Bakhtin but published under the names of his friends and colleagues. The three texts include critical engagements with Marxism, Formalism and Psychoanalysis; key interpretative frameworks of the early 20th century. The seminar investigates core Bakhtinian concepts and their dialogic reverberations in the "pseudo-Bakhtinian" corpus.

Same as: SLAVIC 326

**COMPLIT 327. Genres of the Novel. 5 Units.**

Provides students with an overview of some major genres in the history of the modern novel, along with major theorists in the critical understanding of the form. Novels might include works by Cervantes, Defoe, Lafayette, Radcliffe, Goethe, Scott, Balzac, Melville, and Woolf. Theorists might include Lukacs, Bakhtin, Jameson, Gallagher, Barthes, Kristeva, and Bourdieu. \*PLEASE NOTE: Course for graduate students only.\*

Same as: ENGLISH 327, FRENCH 327

**COMPLIT 328. Literature, Narrative, and the Self. 3-5 Units.**

The role of narrative in the well-lived life. Are narratives necessary? Can they, and should they, be literary? When might non-narrative approaches, whether literary or otherwise, be more relevant? Is unity of self something given, something to be achieved, or something to be overcome? Readings from Aristotle, Montaigne, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Camus, Sartre, MacIntyre, G. Strawson, Velleman; Ricoeur, Brooks; Shakespeare, Stendhal, Musil, Levi, Beckett, Morrison; film. Taught in English.

Same as: FRENCH 328, ITALIAN 328

**COMPLIT 330. The Bourgeois. 5 Units.**

Goal is to define the ruling class of modern times. Social history (Weber, Hirschmann, Marx); literary texts (Defoe, Goethe, Gaskell); and Henrik Ibsen who produced an intransigent criticism of the bourgeois ethos.

**COMPLIT 331. The Contemporary. 3-5 Units.**

Drawing on philosophy, theory, literature, and the arts, this graduate students seminar examines the concept of the contemporary and asks what it means to belong to our historical age: how do thinkers, writers, and artists make sense of the man-made catastrophes of the modern era; how by employing innovative thinking and aesthetics they allow us to consider the human condition as well as politics and ethics in our time. Philosophical readings include Arendt, Rorty, Agamben, Bauman, Taylor; literary readings include Marilynne Robinson, J. M. Coetzee, Phillip Roth, Sebald, Kluge, Celan among others.

**COMPLIT 332. The Transatlantic Renaissance. 5 Units.**

The emergence of a transatlantic culture in the early modern period. How is the Renaissance of Europe and England fashioned in a conversation with the cultural forms and material realities of the colonial Americas? And how do colonial writings expand and complicate the available understanding of the Renaissance? Readings in Columbus, More, Hakluyt, Spenser, Shakespeare, the Inca Garcilaso de la Vega.

**COMPLIT 333. Gender and Modernism. 3-5 Units.**

Gender and sexuality in trans-Atlantic modernist literature and culture from the 1880s-1930s. Topics include the 19th-century culture wars and the figures of the dandy and the New Woman; modernist critiques of Enlightenment rationality; impact of World War I on gender roles; gender and the rise of modern consumer culture, fashion, design; the modernist metropolis and gender/sexuality; the avant-garde and gender; literary first-wave feminism; homoerotic modernism; modernism in the context of current theories of gender and sexuality.

Same as: COMPLIT 133

**COMPLIT 334B. Concepts of Modernity II: Culture, Aesthetics, and Society in the Age of Globalization. 5 Units.**

Emphasis on world-system theory, theories of coloniality and power, and aesthetic modernity/postmodernity in their relation to culture broadly understood.

Same as: ENGLISH 334B, MTL 334B

**COMPLIT 335A. Materialism and Literature. 3-5 Units.**

Exploration of vibrant materialism (Bennet, Latour) and historical materialism (critical theory) as a basis to approach Latin American commodity novels, i.e., those that revolve around bananas, coffee, etc. Literary works by J.E. Rivera, García Márquez, Asturias, Neruda, Magnus, and others. Taught in Spanish.

Same as: ILAC 335

**COMPLIT 336. Medieval Culture as Presence Culture. 1-5 Unit.**

Both an introduction into the complexities of medieval Western culture (from a perspective of "presence"-philosophy) and an introduction into Presence-Philosophy (through the lens of medieval Western culture).

**COMPLIT 338D. Introduction to Digital Humanities: Concepts, Technologies, Tools. 1-3 Unit.**

In this course, we will explore the perspectives of scholars who have thought about what "digital humanities" means and the technologies and tools that are shaping new kinds of research, scholarship, and publishing. Topics will include history of the digital humanities, textual studies, electronic literature, computational and new media, and emerging work around text, image, and new media curation and visualization. This seminar is ideal for anyone interested in digital methods and digital in the humanities, teaching with new digital methods, or to learn about all the digital humanities projects at Stanford. This course is organized as a mix of seminar and workshop and will be featuring a new platform called "Lacuna Stories," designed for Stanford students, that presents multiple platforms, media, and texts to digitally engage with narratives surrounding 9/11; active engagement by all participants is expected. Students may contribute to the field with a creative final project that they develop over the course of the quarter if they select the 3-unit option. Same as: COMPLIT 228D, DLCL 228

**COMPLIT 339. What was the Ethical Turn in Literature?. 3-5 Units.**

As we entered the new millennium, literary studies took yet another "turn" (after its linguistic and cultural turns). We will examine the historical context for the "ethical turn," some of its key texts and debates, and read a number of literary works to see how they might both manifest and resist an "ethical" reading. At base we will question why literature was, and perhaps still is, considered a good vehicle for ethical thinking. How are notions of "otherness," "dignity," "narrative," "responsibility" each infected differently? Texts by Spinoza, Levinas, Butler, Cavavero, Coetzee, Octavia Butler, LeClezio, Al-Koni, Toni Morrison, Dorfman, Ghassan, others.

**COMPLIT 342. Alla Turca Love: Tales of Romance in Turkish Literature. 3-5 Units.**

An introduction to the theme of romantic love in Turkish literature, with particular attention to key classical and contemporary works that influenced the development of the Turkish literary tradition. Topics include close reading and discussion of folk tales, poems, short stories, and plays with particular attention to the characters of lover/beloved, the theme of romantic love, and the cultural and historical background of these elements. We will begin with essential examples of ghazels from Ottoman court poetry to explore the notion of "courtly love" and move to the most influential texts of 19th and 20th centuries. All readings and discussions will be in English; all student levels welcome. Same as: COMPLIT 143A

**COMPLIT 345B. The African Atlantic. 3-5 Units.**

This course explores the central place Africa holds in prose writing emerging during early and modern periods of globalization across the Atlantic, including the middle passage, exploration and colonialism, black internationalism, decolonization, immigration, and diasporic return. We will begin with Equiano's *Interesting Narrative* (1789), a touchstone for the Atlantic prose tradition, and study how writers crossing the Atlantic have continued to depict Africa in later centuries: to dramatize scenes of departure and arrival in stories of self-making or new citizenship, to evoke histories of racial unity or examine psychic and social fragmentation, to imagine new national communities or question their norms and borders. Our readings will be selected from English, French, Portuguese and Spanish-language traditions. And we will pay close attention to genres of prose fiction (Conrad, Condé, Olinto), epic and prose poetry (Césaire, Walcott), theoretical reflection (Gilroy, Glissant, Mudimbe, Benitez-Rojo), and literary autobiography (Barack Obama, Saidiya Hartman). Same as: AFRICAAM 148, AFRICAST 145B, COMPLIT 145B, CSRE 145B, FRENCH 145B, FRENCH 345B

**COMPLIT 346. Classical Arabic Poetry: An Introduction. 3-5 Units.**

The primary litmus test of proficiency in the Arabic language is, and has always been, a command of classical Arabic poetry. Study and memorize the great lines of Arabic poetry with a manual that has stood the pedagogical test of time from the eleventh century until today. Questions of literary merit, poetic technique, metaphor, and divine and human linguistic innovation are all raised by the text that we will read together. Readings in Arabic, assignments and discussion in English. Prerequisite: two years of Arabic at Stanford, or equivalent. Same as: COMPLIT 149A

**COMPLIT 347. The Arab Spring in Arabic Literature. 3-5 Units.**

An examination of the events of 2011 in the Middle East through literature. We will read short stories, poetry, graphic novels, and blogs in order to try and work out whether the revolution could have been predicted, and how it took place. Prerequisite: two years of Arabic at Stanford, or equivalent. Same as: COMPLIT 146A

**COMPLIT 347A. The Hebrew Bible in Literature. 3-5 Units.**

Close reading of major biblical stories and poems that influenced modern literature written in English and Hebrew. Hebrew texts will be read in translation to English. Each class will include a section from the Hebrew Bible as well as a modern text or film based on the biblical story/poem. Discussion of questions such as: the meaning and function of myths and the influence of the Hebrew Bible on the development of literary styles and genres. Same as: COMPLIT 147A, JEWISHST 147A, JEWISHST 347A

**COMPLIT 348. US-Mexico Border Fictions: Writing La Frontera, Tearing Down the Wall. 3-5 Units.**

A border is a force of containment that inspires dreams of being overcome, crossed, and cursed; motivates bodies to climb over walls; and threatens physical harm. This graduate seminar places into comparative dialogue a variety of perspectives from Chicana/o and Mexican/Latin American literary studies. Our seminar will examine fiction and cultural productions that range widely, from celebrated Mexican and Chicano/a authors such as Carlos Fuentes (*La frontera de cristal*), Yuri Herrera (*Señales que precederán al fin del mundo*), Willivaldo Delgado (*La Virgen del Barrio Árabe*), Américo Paredes (*George Washington Gómez: A Mexico-Texan Novel*), Gloria Anzaldúa (*Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza*), and Sandra Cisneros (*Carmelo: Puro Cuento*), among others, to musicians whose contributions to border thinking and culture have not yet been fully appreciated such as Herb Albert, Ely Guerra, Los Tigres del Norte, and Café Tacvba. Last but not least, we will screen and analyze Orson Welles' iconic border films *Touch of Evil* and Rodrigo Dorfman's *Los Sueños de Angélica*. Proposing a diverse and geographically expansive view of the US-Mexico border literary and cultural studies, this seminar links the work of these authors and musicians to struggles for land and border-crossing rights, anti-imperialist forms of trans-nationalism, and to the decolonial turn in border thinking or *pensamiento fronterizo*. It forces us to take into account the ways in which shifts in the nature of global relations affect literary production and negative aesthetics especially in our age of (late) post-industrial capitalism. Same as: ILAC 348

**COMPLIT 350A. What is Left of Marxism. 3-5 Units.**

A both historical and systematic retrospective on "Marxism" as the intellectual configuration and movement that most strongly influenced politics and the state of societies during the 20th century. Discussions will be grounded on a reconstruction of Marx's most canonized writings [especially "Capital"] as emerging from Hegel's work as their philosophical ground, and then proceed to a survey of "Marxism" in its most prominent forms of ideological and intellectual appropriation. Guiding questions [not rhetorical questions!] will be [a] what basic concepts developed by Marx have remained indispensable in 21st century world views and [b] whether "Marxism" today deserves more than an academico-antiquarian interest.

**COMPLIT 351A. Philosophies, Literatures, and Alternatives. 3-5 Units.**

Aristotelian poetics and mediaeval Arabic literary theory. Nietzsche's irony and Philosophies and literatures, together and apart, dominate the last two millennia of human thought. How might they best be read? Are philosophy and literature two different ways of thinking, or are they just two separate institutional histories? This course starts with familiar Greeks, moves onto unfamiliar Arabs, confronts old Europe, and ends with contemporary Americans arguing.

Same as: COMPLIT 151A

**COMPLIT 351B. Great Books: Dramatic Traditions. 4 Units.**

The most influential and enduring texts in the dramatic canon from Sophocles to Shakespeare, Chekhov to Soyinka. Their historical and geopolitical contexts. Questions about the power dynamics involved in the formation of canons. This course counts as a Writing in the Major course for TAPS in 2016-17.

Same as: COMPLIT 151B, TAPS 151T, TAPS 351

**COMPLIT 352A. The Novel in Africa. 3-5 Units.**

A study of the novel as generic form and site of theorization for African writers and scholars of literature, via close reading of key works of fiction and critical analysis. We will consider the place of historical and cultural context in creative and artistic production, publication, and reception within the continent and beyond it. We will certainly pay close attention to innovation at the level of form, theme, plot, characterization, style or poetics. But we will also attend to questions that arise with the formation of African literature as an autonomous corpus and field, including those critical questions that concern uses of orality, performance, and tradition as indices of authenticity; the challenges and possibilities of language; and the common presumption of the nation as realist or allegorical frame, as well as its complex relationship to class, gender, and ethnic minoritization.

Same as: AFRICAAM 352

**COMPLIT 353A. Experiment and the Novel. 5 Units.**

A double exploration of experiment in the novel from 1719 into the 19th century. Taking off from Zola's *The Experimental Novel*, consideration of the novel's aspect as scientific instrument. Taking the idea of experimental fiction in the usual sense of departures from standard practice, consideration of works that seem to break away from techniques of "realism" devised prior to 1750. Texts by: Sterne, Walpole, Burney, Sade, Godwin, Lewis, and Goethe. Substantial readings in the theory of the novel.

**COMPLIT 354B. Poetic Thinking Across Media. 4 Units.**

Even before Novalis claimed that the world must be romanticized, thinkers, writers, and artists wanted to perceive the human and natural world poetically. The pre- and post-romantic poetic modes of thinking they created are the subject of this course. Readings include Ecclesiastes, Zhaozhou Congshen, Montaigne, Nietzsche, Kafka, Benjamin, Arendt, and Sontag. This course will also present poetic thinking in the visual arts—from the expressionism of Ingmar Bergman to the neo-romanticism of Gerhard Richter.

Same as: COMPLIT 154B, GERMAN 154, GERMAN 354, JEWISHST 144B

**COMPLIT 355. Alterity, Ethics, Politics. 3-5 Units.**

How do literary texts and the investigation into language allow us to think through, debate, and re-imagine our relation to others, and even the idea of alterity? And what ethical and political considerations feed into these discussions?.

**COMPLIT 355A. Literature and Death: An Existential Constellation in its Historical Unfolding. 2-3 Units.**

This seminar will pursue the intuition that literary texts, due to their status as fiction, have always been intensely related to Death as the ultimate horizon of individual existence, a horizon that is only available to our imagination. We will concentrate on this largely unexplored link as an existential constellation of concrete historical and of challenging philosophical complexity. The discussions will begin with a detailed analysis of the canonical passages in Martin Heidegger's *Being and Time* from 1927 that try to understand the difference between Death as seen from outside and Death in its *Jemeinigkeit*, that is Death as the absolute end-horizon of individual existence which necessarily causes *Angst* because it is followed by *Nothingness*. On this basis and supplemented by an introduction into several present-day theories and reflections on imagination as a distinct potential of the human mind, we will dedicate the weekly seminar sessions to specific historical moments and different literary (and perhaps artistic) forms that have articulated the connection between Death and Literature (with the final choice of texts and paradigms being open to the participants' interests and area of competence). Topics and textual materials may include: fifth century Greek Tragedy, Roman Stoicism, Medieval Epic in the context of Christian cosmology, Death as a horizon of individual existence in early Modernity (*Don Quijote*), the invisible presence of Death in baroque art, the bracketing of Death in the context of the Enlightenment mentality, Death and suicide as gestures of Romantic self-stylization, the presence of Death in Classical and Romantic conception of music, Death and the absence of God in nineteenth century novels and philosophy, the experience of World War I and a new intensity in the experience of Death, Death and grand abstraction in art, Death in mid-twentieth century Existentialism, Death and its place in the *Anthropocene* as an early twenty-first century frame of mind. Emphasizing weekly the reading assignments and intense participation in the seminar discussions, this course is laid out for two units (no final paper) but open for the participation of auditors (including undergraduate students with specific areas of competence) who are willing to work through the full range of philosophical texts, literary texts, and artworks on the syllabus. Students interested in this topic should begin with a reading of Heidegger's *Being and Time* and try to remember own readings and forms of experiences that seem pertinent to this topic. Contact with the instructor during the summer months is encouraged (sepp@stanford.edu).

Same as: COMPLIT 257A, FRENCH 256, ITALIAN 255

**COMPLIT 357. Contemporary Turkish Cinema and Society. 3-5 Units.**

This course is an examination of contemporary Turkish cinema in a social and political context. The course will focus on films and directors that revived Turkish cinema starting with the mid-1990s with a focus on key issues pertaining to belonging, denied identities, masculinity, nationalism, silencing of women, and urbanization. The course aims to provide an overview of contemporary Turkish cinema and society in cultural, political, and social framework. There will be approximately two hours of film screening and two hours of classroom discussion/seminar (in English) each week. All films are in Turkish with English subtitles.

Same as: COMPLIT 157

**COMPLIT 359A. Philosophical Reading Group. 1 Unit.**

Discussion of one contemporary or historical text from the Western philosophical tradition per quarter in a group of faculty and graduate students. For admission of new participants, a conversation with H. U. Gumbrecht is required. May be repeated for credit. Taught in English.

Same as: FRENCH 395, ITALIAN 395

**COMPLIT 360B. The Theory of the Novel. 5 Units.**

Topics will include: theories of the novel's origin; novelistic subjectivity; voice and text; body and text; the problem of the quotidian; democracy, revolution and novelistic form; and the peculiar dynamic of the novelistic trinity (author, character, reader).

**COMPLIT 363. Ecology, History, Exchange. 4-5 Units.**

Readings of novels, ecocriticism. Ghosh, Gordimer, Coetzee, Al-Koni, Ondatjee, Silko.

**COMPLIT 364. Style. 5 Units.**

The return of a term that was central in 20th-century criticism, and has all but disappeared in recent decades. Focus is on looking at concepts of style from various branches of linguistic and literary theory, and examination of some revealing examples in novels and films. Team taught with D.A. Miller from U.C. Berkeley.

**COMPLIT 369. Introduction to the Profession of "Literary Studies" for Graduate Students. 1-2 Unit.**

A history of literary theory for entering graduate students in national literature departments and comparative literature.

Same as: DLCL 369, FRENCH 369, GERMAN 369, ITALIAN 369

**COMPLIT 371. Aesthetics, Politics, and Modernity: Critical Theory and China. 2-5 Units.**

This course explores a number of key motifs of critical theory relevant to Chinese studies. The class will focus on theories of modernity, media, literature, film, and the relation of aesthetics and politics. The prevalent view believes that a radical politics can be articulated aesthetically by unleashing sensual pleasure, forging subjectivity or staging performance. This view is at risk of reducing the political potential of artworks to spectacle, commodity, and consumption. By re-examining major pronouncements about artworks, culture and politics, we will explore the ways aesthetics and politics are intertwined, break apart, and re-configured. Our discussion will explore the potential of aesthetics and politics as analytical categories for understanding literature, culture, power, morality, media, and history. We will read works from the Chinese classics and representative theorists. We will also read critical theories by Walter Benjamin, Althusser, Eagleton, and Buck-Morss. In each class students should be ready to raise at least one question and explain the origin of the question, or make a brief comment on readings. I will randomly ask students to respond and this performance is graded. The final work will be a digestion and synthesis (18-22 pages) of a set of questions or motifs from 3 writers. Students may have an option of writing a research paper working the concepts into the analysis of primary texts. Grade composition: attendance (10%). Class discussion (15%). Term Paper (75%).

Same as: CHINA 371

**COMPLIT 376C. Tragic Form and Political Theory. 5 Units.**

Tragic form and political theory have in common a profound interest in the conflictual foundation of human society. This course explores how the two intellectual approaches define the actors of conflict, its causes, and its possible (or impossible) resolution.

Same as: PHIL 376C

**COMPLIT 378. European Nihilism. 3-5 Units.**

This course will probe the thought of nothingness in various European writers and thinkers. The main authors include Giacomo Leopardi, Nietzsche, Michelstader, Heidegger, Beckett, and Emile Cioran.

Same as: COMPLIT 278, FRENCH 278, FRENCH 378, ITALIAN 278, ITALIAN 378

**COMPLIT 381E. Pirandello, Sartre, and Beckett. 3-5 Units.**

In this course we will read the main novels and plays of Pirandello, Sartre, and Beckett, with special emphasis on the existentialist themes of their work. Readings include *The Late Mattia Pascal*, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *Henry IV*; *Nausea*, *No Exit*, "Existentialism is a Humanism"; *Molloy*, *Endgame*, *Krapp's Last Tape*, *Waiting for Godot*. Taught in English.

Same as: COMPLIT 281E, FRENCH 214, FRENCH 314, ITALIAN 214, ITALIAN 314

**COMPLIT 390. Tolstoy's Anna Karenina in Dialogue with Contemporary Philosophical, Social, and Ethical Thought. 3-5 Units.**

Anna Karenina, the novel as a case study in the contest between "modernity" and "tradition," their ethical order, ideology, cultural codes, and philosophies. Images of society, women and men in Tolstoy v. those of his contemporaries: Marx, Mill, Nietzsche, Weber, Durkheim, Freud. Open to juniors, seniors and graduate students. Requirements: three interpretive essays (500-1000 words each). Analysis of a passage from the novel; AK refracted through a "philosophical" prism and vice versa (30% each); class discussion and Forum (10%).

Same as: COMPLIT 190, SLAVIC 190, SLAVIC 390

**COMPLIT 398L. Literary Lab. 2-5 Units.**

Gathering and analyzing data, constructing hypotheses and designing experiments to test them, writing programs [if needed], preparing visuals and texts for articles or conferences. Requires a year-long participation in the activities of the Lab.

Same as: ENGLISH 398L

**COMPLIT 399. Individual Work. 1-15 Unit.**

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**COMPLIT 802. TGR Dissertation. 0 Units.**

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