The English & Comparative Literature Honors Program offers excellent students a variation of the major designed to engage them in work commensurate with their abilities and to prepare them for the rigors of graduate study. Students in the English & Comparative Literature Major (Major Code: 112101), the English & Comparative Literature Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential (Major Code: 112102), and the Comparative Literature Major (Major Code: 111701) are eligible to apply to the department Honors Program. Generally, students will apply to the program in their junior year after they have completed at least nine (9) units of lower-division preparation for the major and nine (9) units of upper-division major requirements with a 3.7 major GPA and 3.5 overall GPA. Applicants must also submit an appropriate sample of their critical or creative work. Students not meeting GPA requirements may petition for admission to the Honors Program. Successful completion of the Honors Program will be recognized at graduation.

Requirements include the production, under the auspices of English and Comparative Literature 498, of an honors thesis. Depending on individual preference, the honors thesis could take the form of a literary research project or a creative writing project.

Honors Program Requirements for the English & Comparative Literature Major (Major Code: 112101) and the Comparative Literature Major (Major Code: 111701)

The Honors variation for the two majors listed above consists of 39 upper division units instead of 33.

1. Three (3) additional units of upper division coursework relevant to student’s honors thesis in English & Comparative Literature, or other departments, with approval of honors advisor.
2. Three (3) units of Honors Thesis Seminar (English 498 or Comparative Literature 498).

Honors Program Requirements for the English & Comparative Literature Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential (Major Code: 112102)

The Honors variation for the major listed above consists of 46 to 49 upper division units.

1. Convert three (3) units of specialization to upper division coursework relevant to the student’s Honors thesis, in English & Comparative Literature, or other departments, with approval of honors advisor.
2. Convert three (3) units of specialization to Honors Thesis Seminar (ECL 498 or Comparative Literature 498).

Questions can be directed towards Professor Clare Colquitt, colquitt@sdsu.edu, Honors Advisor. Please refer to https://literature.sdsu.edu/undergraduate/honors-program for additional information and application form.