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 Standard English Major, the English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential, and the Comparative Literature Major are eligible to apply to the English and Comparative Literature 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 English & Comparative Literature Honors Program. Successful completion of the Honors Program will be recognized at graduation.

Requirements include the production, under the auspices of English or 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.

Requirements for the English & Comparative Literature Honors Program

Standard English & Comparative Literature Majors
The Honors variation for Standard English & Comparative Literature Majors 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 consent of honors advisor. Must maintain A- average.
2. Three (3) units for Honors Thesis Seminar (English 498 or Comparative Literature 498).

English & Comparative Literature Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential
The Honors variation for the English Major in Preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential consists of 46 - 49 upper division units, the same as for the regular major.

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 consent of honors advisor. Must maintain A- average.
2. Convert three (3) units of specialization to Honors Thesis Seminar (English 498 or Comparative Literature 498).

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