

**Welcome to the Literature Department at UC Santa Cruz!** The Literature Department staff and faculty look forward to meeting with you, and to assisting you in shaping a personally tailored plan of study. The Literature Department recommends that you take the three required lower-division courses for the major (Literature 1, a 61-series course, and an 80-series course) in your first or second year at UCSC.

**Transfer Students.** Students who have taken literature courses at other colleges or universities may satisfy UC Santa Cruz's lower-division Literature requirements with the following courses:

- an introduction to literature course (similar to UCSC's Literature 1)
- two additional literature courses

**Scope.** The study of Literature at UC Santa Cruz is organized as an interdisciplinary field coordinated through a single Department of Literature, rather than through separate departments of English, French, Spanish, and so forth. This structure fosters innovative and comparative approaches to literature among both faculty and students. Courses in the major encompass traditional literary history and interpretation as well as cross-cultural inquiry and current theoretical debates. Students may select from the following concentrations:

• **Creative Writing.** The concentration in Creative Writing offers a sequence of workshops, from introductory through advanced levels, in both poetry and fiction. Creative Writing is the only Literature concentration that is selective. Interested students are required to take one lower-division workshop at UC Santa Cruz before applying to the Creative Writing concentration.

• **English Language Literatures.** The study of American and British literature, as well as literatures of other English-speaking peoples around the world.

• **French Literature.** The study of French and Francophone literatures, languages, and cultural practices of France, Africa, and the Caribbean.

• **German Literature.** The study of the literature, language, and cultural practices of the German-speaking areas of central Europe, including Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

• **Greek and Latin Literatures.** The study of the literatures, languages, and cultural practices of ancient Greece and Rome. Students may choose to concentrate in Greek or Latin or both.

• **Italian Literature.** The study of Italian literature, language, and cultural practices from the Middle Ages to the present.

**The Major.** Students wishing to major in Literature may choose either the Literature major or the Intensive Literature major. The Intensive Literature major is recommended particularly for students who plan to continue their studies in graduate school. Students must successfully complete Literature 1, Literary Interpretation, or its equivalent prior to declaring the Literature major. Lower-division courses number 1-99; upper-division courses are numbered 100-199.

• **Major Requirements. *The Literature Major.* Thirteen** courses are required: three lower-division and ten upper-division courses.

**Lower-Division Courses**

- Literature 1: *Literary Interpretation*: close reading and analysis of literary texts
- One Literature 61-series course: categories, methodologies, and problems of literary study
- One Literature 80-series course: topical, thematic, and comparative study of literary texts

**Upper-Division Courses**

- Literature 101: *Theory and Interpretation*: contemporary approaches to literary and cultural theories
- Six upper-division courses in an area of concentration
- Three upper-division elective courses in literature

**Upper-Division Distribution Requirements.** Among the ten upper-division courses, at least two must focus on literature written prior to the year 1750; one on non-Western literature or literature in a global perspective; and one on the study of poetry.

• **Major Requirements. *The Intensive Literature Major.* Fifteen** courses are required: three lower-division and twelve upper-division courses. Students who choose the Intensive Literature major are required to achieve competence in two languages (one may be English).

**Lower-Division Courses:** Literature 1, a Literature 61-series course, a Literature 80-series course

**Upper-Division Courses:** Literature 101, six upper-division courses in an area of concentration, five upper-division elective courses in literature. Students must complete at least two courses in a second-language literature studied in the original language.

**Upper-Division Distribution Requirements.** Among the twelve upper-division courses, at least two must focus on literature written prior to the year 1750; one on non-Western literature or literature in a global perspective; and one on the study of poetry.

• **Minor Requirements: *The Literature Minor.* Eight** courses are required: three lower-division and five upper-division courses.

**Lower-Division courses:** Literature 1, a Literature 61-series course, a Literature 80-series course

**Upper-Division courses:** Literature 101 and any four upper-division courses (except Creative Writing)

**Pass/NoPass or Letter Grades?** Students majoring in Literature must take 75% of their courses in the major for letter grades. The senior exit requirement must be taken for a letter grade.