

Comparative Literature Program

**Senior Honors Thesis**

Majors in Comparative Literature who have maintained a G.P.A. of 3.5 overall and in the major, and have completed at least two quarters as juniors, qualify to pursue a senior thesis.

Specific guidelines for completing the Honors Thesis are outlined below.

1. Please fill out the attached form, and write a statement of purpose, with a tentative title and the texts you plan to read and in what languages, describe briefly the topic to be studied, and, if available, attach a list of primary and secondary sources.
2. Send your proposal, signed by the proposed Thesis Advisor, to the Comparative Literature Undergraduate Advisor at least two quarters before the quarter in which you will complete your thesis, even if you are not registered for that quarter or you are abroad.
3. Your thesis should be an in-depth research paper of at least 30 pages (double-spaced).
4. Any Affiliate ladder faculty member or continuing/visiting lecturer is an acceptable Thesis Advisor. Please check the list of our Affiliated faculty on our web site:  
<http://www.complit.ucsb.edu/people/affiliated-faculty>
5. If you want to do a thesis under the supervision of a faculty member outside of the program (the Comparative Literature Affiliated Faculty), fill out the thesis proposal and submit it as above. The Chair of the Program will notify you if a co-supervisor is required.
6. Please enroll in CLIT 196H with your Faculty Thesis Advisor. If you require a preparatory quarter, you may enroll in C LIT 199 the quarter before you enroll in C LIT 196H. The total amount of academic credit that can be earned for a thesis may not exceed 8 units. Note that one unit corresponds to 3 hours of work per week in a 10 week quarter. C LIT 196H will be completed additional to the major to receive distinction in the major.
7. You must submit one copy of your final thesis as a pdf document to the Comparative Literature Undergraduate Advisor. It should be formatted as a double-spaced document and according to the format of graduate theses, using MLA format for citation (see sample at:  
<http://graddiv.ucsb.edu/handbook/filingguide.aspx>).
8. Your thesis must be signed by your Thesis Advisor (see #7 below for the right format).

## Honors Thesis Proposal in Comparative Literature

You may attach a list of primary and secondary sources.

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2. Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Statement of Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Faculty Thesis Advisor (Name, Department):

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5. GPA in CLIT: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall G.P.A: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of CLIT Units completed as a Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Expected schedule of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_