

PhD in Comparative Culture and Language

The PhD program in Comparative Culture and Language provides research and training that is linguistically well-grounded, historically and culturally informed, and methodologically transdisciplinary. Central to the program is the critical inquiry of primary documents from a variety of media across multiple languages, aiming at a deep understanding of the development of cultures throughout history. Students in the program must focus on research questions and themes that cannot be fully explored within the traditional disciplinary boundaries. The program fosters dynamic scholarly collaboration across disciplines in order to engage in the production of knowledge crucial to understanding transnational and transcultural phenomena from antiquity to the present.

Course Requirements

Students may be admitted to the PhD program with either a bachelor's or a master's degree. If admitted with a bachelor's degree, students must complete a minimum of 84-credit hours. If admitted with a master's degree, they must complete a minimum of 54 credit hours.

	Credit Hours	
	Admitted with a Master's	Admitted with a Bachelor's
Core Courses	3	3
Restricted Electives	36	36
Electives and Research	3	33
Dissertation	12	12
Total Semester Hours Required	54	84

Required Core Course

SLC 602 | Literary and Cultural Theory

Restricted Elective Courses

In the Ph.D. in Comparative Culture and Language program, the curriculum for each student is designed according to his/her research interest. Students must complete at least 18 hours of coursework in their primary field of study and at least 18 hours of coursework in their secondary field of study.

Research and Dissertation Hours

Students may take 3-33 credit hours toward approved electives and/or SLC 792 Research. At least 12 credit hours must be SLC 799 Dissertation. Students must achieve candidacy before being eligible to enroll in SLC 799 Dissertation.

Elective Courses

Electives should be chosen in consultation with the student's committee. Electives can be taken outside of the School of International Letters and Cultures.

Supervisory Committee

Each student's supervisory committee must include members from at least two diverse disciplines to reflect the transdisciplinary nature of the degree.

Comprehensive Exam, Dissertation Prospectus and Candidacy

When students have completed or are close to completing the coursework, they may request permission to take the comprehensive exam. The PhD comprehensive exam is administered by the student's supervisory committee. PhD students achieve candidacy status after passing the comprehensive exam and successfully defending a dissertation prospectus.

Dissertation

A dissertation and final oral examination in defense of the dissertation is required. The dissertation must reflect the transdisciplinary nature of the degree by integrating research from multiple disciplines.

Additional Information and Questions

For additional information, please visit silc.asu.edu.