Graduate Programs

College of Arts and Letters

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Major: Comparative Studies


Important information about applying to Graduate School:

- **Transcripts:** Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended. NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.

- **Conduct:** A "yes" answer to either of the conduct questions on the online application will require a written explanation. Additional information may be requested when your application is under review. Applications will not be fully processed until all conduct issues are cleared.

- **Application status:** Once your application has been submitted, you can check your application status online to ensure transcripts and test scores have been received. NOTE: Application status will say incomplete until an admission decision has been made.

- **Residency classification:** Your residency classification automatically defaults to non-Florida. After you are admitted, the residency officer will review your application and request additional documents by email if needed.

### Admission Requirements

#### Domestic Students

- MA, MS, MAT, or MFA degree in a relevant discipline (GPA of 3.5)
- Competitive scores in the verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections of the GRE (GRE must have been taken within the past five years.)
- Three letters of recommendation (at least two from professors whose course(s) the applicant has taken). These letters should be current and should attest to the applicants' intellectual qualifications for the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies.
- A statement of intent that outlines the applicant’s field(s) of study and describes how your academic background has prepared you for this interdisciplinary program.
- One academic paper, approx. 20 pages in length and with scholarly documentation, which demonstrates the applicants analytical and explanatory skills and command of the discipline in the area of the Master’s degree. Candidates who plan to work in lingua are required to submit an academic paper in that language.

#### International Students

- MA, MS, MAT, or MFA degree in a relevant discipline (GPA of 3.5)
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- A competitive TOEFL score is required.

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### Application Deadlines

#### Domestic Students

Fall: January 15
For candidates not seeking PhD fellowships, the deadline is March 1

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