Graduate Programs

College of Arts and Letters

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

Culture, Society, and Politics - Sociocultural and Medical Anthropology, Bioarchaeology, Ethnoarchaeology, Zooarchaeology, Primatology; Sociological Studies of Gender, Agriculture, Adulthood, Adolescence, Childhood, Race, Social Class, and Economics; Comparative Politics, American Politics, International Relations, Public Policy and Law, Post-Conflict Resolution, Democracy and Democratization, Political Behavior, and Quantitative Methods.

Admission Requirements

Domestic Students
- BA, BFA, BS, MA, MS, or MFA degree
- Competitive scores in verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections of the GRE; must have taken within the past five years
- Three letters of recommendation; at least two from professors whose course(s) the applicant has taken. Letters should be current and 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 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
- BA, BFA, BS, MA, MS, or MFA degree
- Competitive scores in verbal, quantitative, and analytical writing sections of GRE; must have 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 attest to applicants' intellectual qualifications for the Ph.D. in Comparative Studies.
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- A general evaluation of international transcripts is required; FAU will do the evaluation or it must be done by a NACES member
- 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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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 request additional documents by email if needed.