

Comparative Literature and Culture



Undergraduate Studies



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Welcome



This unique, prestigious degree enables you to study a world of literature in the context of important critical and cultural debates. CLC develops culturally-aware, creative thinkers who stand out from the crowd, and have a critical edge in today's competitive global marketplace.

CLC offers the flexibility to discover writers and thinkers from across the world, from Greek myth to twenty-first-century fiction, as well the choice to explore visual arts such as cinema, fashion, painting, photography and sculpture. You can tailor your own studies by choosing from a wide range of options taught by leading experts. We are passionate about sharing our expertise, and look forward to welcoming you into our inclusive, international community.

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EXPLORE **LITERATURE,**
FILM AND ART FROM
AROUND THE WORLD
ALL AVAILABLE
IN ENGLISH

Comparative Literature and Culture at Royal Holloway

Uniquely, Comparative Literature and Culture provides the opportunity to explore literature as well as film, philosophy and visual arts, transnationally and across different time periods, genres and media. Our students develop cultural awareness and impressive critical, analytical and communications skills.

CLC combines flexibility and academic challenge to hone your thinking and appreciation of literature and culture. Intellectually-curious CLC students develop a critical edge as they engage with debates about how literature and culture reflect different ways of understanding the world and the contexts in which they are produced. Our lecturers are specialists in literature, cultural history, critical thought, film and visual culture.

No foreign language skills are needed as everything is available in English translation. However, you can choose to study French, German, Italian or Spanish from scratch or at advanced level. You can apply to spend an international year at a partner university or choose to include an additional placement year in your degree.



Opera on Lake Konstanz, Austria, by year abroad student Claire Pillmoor



“Studying Comparative Literature and Culture has helped me develop my critical skills and to consider ideas from multiple perspectives. What makes CLC different is its variety. Learning and discovering how the work of exciting artists intertwines with different literary trends is something that has really opened my eyes.”

Isabella

BA Comparative Literature and Culture and Italian

Choosing your degree

A friendly and tailor-made experience

We attract students from all over the UK, Europe and beyond. We are a diverse, international, friendly and supportive community, with excellent staff-student ratios and student satisfaction. You will have your own personal tutor to guide you through your studies and help you to make the most of your potential. We use a range of teaching and assessment methods to suit different learning styles.

Expand your horizons

Core modules in Comparative Literature and Culture will introduce you to global literary and cultural debates. You will explore how key cultural shifts develop and transform the ways we see, represent and make sense of our changing world. You will build knowledge and transferable analytical, critical and communications skills, while option modules will enable you to expand your horizons, discovering and developing your passions. Our wide choice of courses spans a world of literature and culture, as well as film and the visual arts.

Please visit royalholloway.ac.uk/studying-here for more information on our courses and royalholloway.ac.uk/clc to find out more about us.

Prize-winning, research-led teaching

Academic tutors in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures are at the cutting edge of research. You will work with world-leading specialists who share their expertise in an approachable way. Everyone you will study with is passionate about their research: we are proud to have been awarded an exceptional number of teaching prizes for innovation and excellence.

An inspiring working environment

We are located in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, at the heart of Royal Holloway's beautiful campus. Many of our students live on campus or close by, enjoying its dynamic cultural life and participating in a wide range of events, sports and societies.

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

UCAS
code

BA Comparative Literature and Culture

Q200

COMPARATIVE LITERATURE AND CULTURE AS A MAJOR SUBJECT

BA Comparative Literature and Culture with History of Art and Visual Culture

Q2W6

BA Comparative Literature and Culture with International Film

Q2P3

BA Comparative Literature and Culture with Philosophy

Q2V5

JOINT DEGREES

BA Classical Studies & Comparative Literature and Culture

Q8Q2

BA Comparative Literature and Culture & Drama

Q2W4

BA Comparative Literature and Culture & English

Q2Q3

BA Comparative Literature and Culture & Philosophy

QV25

BA History of Art and Visual Culture & Comparative Literature and Culture

QW26

BA Modern Languages & Comparative Literature and Culture

RQ92

BA Translation Studies & Comparative Literature and Culture

QQ92

BA Translation Studies & Comparative Literature and Culture with a Year Abroad

QQ99

Studying here

Royal Holloway offers an exceptionally high-quality university experience and our University of London degrees are internationally recognised for their academic excellence. Our vibrant campus is one of the most beautiful in the world. You will enjoy a unique, green, safe, friendly community with wonderful grounds, Gothic architecture and state of the art facilities and accommodation. All this is set in 135 acres of stunning parkland, where a close-knit community thrives.

You will also be ideally placed to use the University of London's excellent resources and to enjoy the museums, galleries, cinema, visitor attractions and nightlife of central London. Royal Holloway is wonderfully accessible as well as excellent train and bus links, we are just off the M25 and our proximity to Heathrow, Waterloo and St Pancras makes trips to Europe and beyond extremely convenient.



Associated Architects/Ben McPhee

Student life

With their lively minds and broad range of interests, CLC students are some of the most engaged on campus and thrive in our international community. You can join CLC students in getting involved in student and academic cultural initiatives, volunteering, writing for Royal Holloway's student newspapers and broadcasting on our 24-hour radio station. You can also take advantage of the Students' Union with its social events and wide range of societies, which cover a wealth of interests including sports, politics, creative arts, culture and languages. Of course, as a member of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures you can also join one of our associated student societies and take part in a range of activities including film screenings, gallery visits, plays, parties and study trips.



Your future career

Global citizens with a critical edge

Comparative Literature and Culture trains global citizens to develop critical perspectives on – and the ability to use – the power of words and images.

CLC graduates stand out because they think flexibly, communicate effectively, are culturally aware and can analyse closely and range broadly.

Combining cross-cultural perspectives with intellectual challenge, CLC will prepare you for the demands of today's world and workplaces as you:

- develop your critical and analytical thinking
- learn to analyse, evaluate and process different kinds of information
- hone impressive communication skills (written and oral)
- solve problems in sophisticated and flexible ways
- develop independent research skills
- acquire teamwork and leadership skills
- gain appreciation of cultural life and cultural diversity

CLC students are snapped up by employers in diverse fields that include marketing, journalism, publishing, digital content, curating, public relations, teaching, the civil service and not-for-profit organisations. Others choose to go on to postgraduate study in a wide range of subjects.

Careers Advice and Work Experience Opportunities

Our Careers and Employability Service provides tailored events and advice, and you can also take advantage of work experience opportunities including our Community Action volunteering programme. In your second year, you can apply for micro-placements, helping you fine-tune your job-seeking skills and boost your career by competing for prestigious two-week internships which offer invaluable experience and great networking opportunities.



“Studying Comparative Literature and Culture at Royal Holloway was a truly enriching experience. This course is ideal for those who enjoy working across various media (including art, film, photography, poetry and world literature). I loved every second of my degree and cannot recommend enough the fantastic modules!”

Tamsin Stevenson

Account Manager, Selecta UK
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Royal Holloway, University of London

- Learn from world leading experts
- Highly ranked for student satisfaction
- Beautiful campus in a safe location
- Vibrant and active community
- Award-winning careers service

Visit us to find out more

Our Open Days are a great way to get a feel for life at Royal Holloway. Look around the campus, meet our students and staff, and find out more about studying and living here.

Find out more and register to attend at royalholloway.ac.uk/opendays