"I don’t know what literature is exactly, but I know it makes me feel like I’m soaring.” — Unknown

The study of world literature, traditionally called comparative literature, involves a global approach to the art of literature in all its forms. "Literature" is a unique way of using language that seeks to express human wants and needs through poetic techniques, whether in prose, poetry, drama, or song. Cultures have always turned to literature—whether in oral or written form—to express basic values, concerns, despairs, dreams, and hopes. Literature comments on what “is,” and reaches for what “might be.” Cultural identity is created in part through literature, and literature is used to question—at times even undermine—that identity. Literature may be a conservative force, emphasizing traditions, or a revolutionary force, provoking change from within.

The interaction of literatures from various regions of the world also transforms the art, as authors influence each other in what we might call a “global writing experiment.” World Literature redefines the concept of "minor" or "third world" literatures, as it considers "marginal" artistic expressions to be as worthy of study as any classical tradition of the West or East.

The World Literature Program maintains the comparative spirit of the discipline, offering courses on individual authors, literary periods, regional literatures, themes, and schools of criticism.

The World Literature Program is fundamentally interdisciplinary. Courses come mostly from the Departments of Modern Languages and Literatures, Classics, and English, but students may also take approved courses from the Departments of Theater and Religious Studies. The major in World Literature requires reading in at least one language other than English, thus emphasizing that language and literature are imbricated. Film, as a narrative art, is also included in World Literature, as are some courses in linguistics.

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Undergraduate Programs

Major
The World Literature Program offers a major leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Requirements for the major are as follows:

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Two courses in literature at the 300-level in a language other than English

Twelve hours of any WLIT course or cross-listed equivalent or any non-English literature course at the 200-level or above

Total Units: 30

All literature courses at the 200 and 300 levels offered by the Departments of Modern Languages and Literatures, Classics, and English are approved as World Literature courses.

Minor
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Nine credits of electives chosen in consultation with a program advisor

Total Units: 15

Graduate Program

The World Literature Program offers a master of arts degree. Students pursuing the MA take courses (consisting of 30 credit hours) from a variety of genres and regions of the world. They take an MA exam in lieu of writing a thesis. Students with an MA in World Literature may go on to a PhD program in a variety of fields, teach, conduct research for humanities agencies or institutions, or work for global programs and institutions.

Courses

WLIT 154. Introducing Hinduism. 3 Units.
This "topics" course offers an introduction to the academic study of Hinduism. Whether approached through a particular theme or as a general historical introduction, each section of this course provides students with a general introduction to the academic study of religion and basic religious literacy in Hinduism, exploring forms of it in a diversity of cultural contexts. Section topics could include, but are not limited to: The Epics, Ritual, Contemporary Practices. Students may repeat the course for credit (up to 6 credits), provided that the two sections are different. Offered as RLGN 154 and WLIT 154. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.
WLIT 201. Greek Prose Authors. 3 Units.
Readings from authors such as Plato, Lysias, Xenophon, and Herodotus. Offered as GREK 201, GREK 401, WLIT 201 and WLIT 401.

WLIT 202. Introduction to Greek Poetry. 3 Units.
Primarily readings from Homer, Hesiod, and Theocritus. Selections from Greek lyric may be introduced at the instructor’s discretion. Offered as GREK 202, GREK 402, WLIT 202, and WLIT 402.

WLIT 203. Gods and Heroes in Greek Literature. 3 Units.
This course examines major works of Greek literature and sets them in their historical and cultural context. Constant themes are war, wandering, tyranny, freedom, community, family, and the role of men and women within the household and the ancient city-state. Parallels with modern life and politics will be explored. Lectures and discussions. Offered as CLSC 203 and WLIT 203. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 204. Heroes and Hustlers in Roman Literature. 3 Units.
This course constitutes the second half of a sequence on Classical literature. Its main heroes are heroism vs. self-promotion, love vs. lust, and the struggle between democracy and tyranny. These topics are traced in a variety of literary genres from the period of the Roman republic well into the empire. Parallels with modern life and politics will be drawn. Offered as CLSC 204 and WLIT 204. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 205. Readings from the Epic of Gilgamesh. 3 Units.
In this course, we will read the entire Standard Babylonian recension of the Epic of Gilgamesh, considered the first great work of literature, from the original Akkadian text. While the primary goal of the course will be to become proficient readers of Akkadian, we will take some excursus on topics such as Babylonian religion, whether Gilgamesh was a historical figure or not, how the text was put together, and its possible influence on later heroic traditions such as the Greco-Roman. Offered as AKKD 205, AKKD 405, WLIT 205 and WLIT 405. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: AKKD 101 and AKKD 102.

WLIT 210. Ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian Literature. 3 Units.
This course offers a broad survey of Ancient Near Eastern and Egyptian literature. We will explore the rich heritage of narrative and mythological compositions through which the Mesopotamians and Egyptians tried to explain the natural phenomena, the religious beliefs and the history of the world around them. Examples of this include myths of creation, stories about gods, the great Flood, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the story of Sinuhe and many others. Other genre of literature will be explored such as the most ancient Legal Codes in history, Pyramid Texts, Wisdom Literature and Proverbs, Love Poetry and Humoristic compositions. Finally, some time will be devoted to the relation of these literatures with the texts that were composed in the Levant, where the alphabet was envisioned, and with the Bible, which grew within this Near Eastern context. All the texts will be read in English translation. Offered as ANEE 210 and CLSC 210.

WLIT 211. World Literature I. 3 Units.
Survey of literature from antiquity to 1600. May include Western and non-Western texts by Homer, Vergil, Ovid, St. Augustine, Dante, Boccaccio, Rabelais, Cervantes, Sei Shonagon, Basho, and the Baghavad Gita.

WLIT 212. World Literature II. 3 Units.
Survey of literature from 1600 to present. May include Western and non-Western texts by Swift, Voltaire, Rousseau, Tolstoi, Baudelaire, Austen, Mann, Kafka, Lispector, Marmon Silko, Soyinka.

WLIT 215. The World of Manga. 3 Units.
Manga (comic books and graphic novels) is one of the most important aspects of contemporary visual culture in Japan. It is consumed by millions of Japanese every day, and has attracted intense attention around the world. As it constitutes one third of the annual publications in Japan today, its breadth and scope are limitless. What does manga reveal about contemporary cultural production and consumption in Japan? What kind of special features are used in manga to attract people so much? What kind of genres do they have and what kind of readers do they have? These are some of the questions we will explore by surveying a large number of works produced in the last fifty years. Introducing graphic novels by major artists and writers, the course will expand your understanding of key components, social movements and discourses associated with manga. You will examine the history of manga, its aesthetics, and social impact through assigned readings, including scholarly papers and manga books, as well as works selected by each student (in original Japanese or in English translation). Offered as JAPN 215 and WLIT 215. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 224. Sword and Sandal: The Classics in Film. 3 Units.
Gladiator. Alexander. The 300. Contemporary society’s continuing fascination with putting the ancient world on the big screen is undeniable; and yet the causes underlying this phenomenon are not quite so readily apparent. In this course we will watch and discuss a number of movies about the ancient world, running the gamut from Hollywood classics such as Ben-Hur and Spartacus to more recent treatments (the aforementioned 300 and Gladiator, for starters), and from the mainstream and conventional (Clash of the Titans, Disney’s Hercules) to the far-out and avant-garde (Fellini’s Satyricon, anyone?). As we do so we’ll learn quite a bit about the art and economics of film, on one hand, and the ancient world, on the other. And yet what we’ll keep coming back to are the big questions: what does our fascination with the ancient Mediterranean tell us about ourselves as a society? Why do such movies get made, and what kinds of agendas do they serve? To what extent can we recapture the past accurately? And if we can’t, are we doomed to just endlessly projecting our own concerns and desires onto a screen, and dressing them in togas? No knowledge of ancient languages is required for this course. Offered as CLSC 224 and WLIT 224.

WLIT 225. Japanese Popular Culture. 3 Units.
This course highlights salient aspects of modern Japanese popular culture as expressed in animation, comics and literature. The works examined include films by Hayao Miyazaki, writings by Kenji Miyazawa, Haruki Murakami and Banana Yoshimoto, among others. The course introduces students to essential aspects of modern Japanese popular culture and sensibility. Offered as JAPN 225 and WLIT 225. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 232. Vergil. 3 Units.
Primarily readings from The Aeneid; selections from Vergil’s other work may be introduced at instructor’s discretion. Recommended preparation: LATN 201 or equivalent. Offered as LATN 202, LATN 402, WLIT 232 and WLIT 432.
WLIT 240. Modern Chinese Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
This course examines Modern Chinese Literature from the beginning of the 20th century to contemporary period in the contexts of Chinese historical and cultural transformations. It examines representative works of the major literary genres, including fiction, poetry, drama, and prose writing. We will be making the following inquiries: What is modern Chinese literature? What does it tell us about the cultural, social, psychological, and historical changes that occurred in modern China? Who are the main literary and cultural figures, and what did they contribute to the construction of the Chinese nation? How did Western thoughts impact on the ways in which Chinese reflected on their own cultural identities and social and gender relationships? This course is taught in English. Offered as CHIN 240, ASIA 240 and WLIT 240. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 241. Latin Prose Authors. 3 Units.
Reading and discussion of such prose authors as Cicero, Caesar, Livy or Pliny. Offered as LATN 201, LATN 401, WLIT 241 and WLIT 441. Prereq: LATN 102 or equivalent.

WLIT 245. Classical Japanese Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Readings, in English translation, of classical Japanese poetry, essays, narratives, and drama to illustrate essential aspects of Japanese culture and sensibility before the Meiji Restoration (1868). Lectures explore the sociohistorical contexts and the character of major literary genres; discussions focus on interpreting the central images of human value within each period. Japanese sensibilities compared to and contrasted with those of Western and other cultures. Offered as JAPN 245 and WLIT 245. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 250. Classical Chinese Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
This course is a survey of the classical Chinese literature from the pre-Qin Period to the fall of Qing Dynasty in 1911. Students will be introduced to a variety of forms and genres, including classical poetry, lyric, aria, elegy, rhapsody, folk song, narrative verse, parallel prose, classical-language short story, vernacular short story, novel, drama, etc. This course is taught in English. Offered as CHIN 250, ASIA 250 and WLIT 250. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 255. Modern Japanese Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Focus on the major genres of modern Japanese literature, including poetry, short story, and novel (shosetsu). No knowledge of Japanese language or history is assumed. Lectures, readings, and discussions are in English. Films and slides complement course readings. Offered as JAPN 255 and WLIT 255. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 265. Constructing the Samurai: Images of Japanese Warriors from 1100’s to the Present. 3 Units.
From concepts of premodern warriors calling out their names before doing hand-to-hand combat to modern salary men crushing the world with their economic prowess, samurai have come to be an iconic image of the Japanese people. Throughout the semester we will pay particular attention to the central themes in the historiography of warrior society, roughly, the years between ca. 1110 and 1850 C.E. We will investigate how these documents were translated by modern societies, both east and west, in samurai film. Students will explore the category of “samurai” through reading selections from The Tale of the Heike, as well as selected Noh plays, legal documents, travel diaries, autobiographies, short stories, and historical texts. In addition, we will investigate other genres contributing to the construction of the idea of “samurai,” such as film. This seminar will closely examine the concept of “samurai,” particularly its connection to the Japanese identity using an interdisciplinary context of the arts, history, religion, and literature. We will also explore the ways in which daimyo (feudal lords), authors, Buddhist officials, and filmmakers throughout the world created, shaped, and altered the ideal image of the samurai. Key to understanding the concept of samurai will be wrestling with questions of authorship, spirit pacification, nationality, and patronage, with specific focus on the Japanese relationship with Western nations and cultures. We will focus on language and its role in legitimizing the global concepts of “samurai” and “bushido.” This class will provide additional insight geared toward the cultural study of linguistic identities beyond those informed by the English language and will include terms expressed in Japanese. Many of the resources used in this course will be translated from the Japanese, allowing us to consider Naoki Sakai’s theories of enunciation/ translation/ subjectivity, Haruo Shirane’s theory of reception, and Michael Emmerich’s theory of replacement. Especially important will be to focus on terms in Japanese with no, or poor, English equivalent (such as samurai, shogun, daimyo, bushido, etc.) but with clear images in the English-speaking imagination(s). The instructor will provide background information on political, cultural, and religious history. Class sessions will be conducted in English and combine lectures, discussion, audio-visual materials, and creative as well as analytical writing exercises. All readings and films will be in English or with English subtitle. Offered as JAPN 265 and WLIT 265. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 295. The Francophone World. 3 Units.
The course offers an introduction to the Francophone World from a historical, cultural, and literary perspective. The Francophone World includes countries and regions around the globe with a substantial French-speaking population (and where French is sometimes, but not always, an official language): North America (Louisiana, Quebec, and Acadia); North Africa (Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, and Egypt); the Middle-East (Lebanon, Syria); the Caribbean (Martinique, Guadeloupe, Haiti); Southeast Asia (Vietnam); and Europe (France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Luxembourg). FRCH 295 provides a comprehensive overview of the Francophone World, while focusing on a particular area or areas in any given semester. Offered as AFST 295, ETHS 295, FRCH 295, and WLIT 295. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.
WLIT 300. The City in Literature. 3 Units.
Focus on major cities of the world as catalysts and reflections of cultural and historical change. Interdisciplinary approach utilizing the arts, literature, social sciences. Examples include Berlin at the turn of the century; Paris in literature and film; Tokyo in history and literature. Offered as WLIT 300 and WLIT 400.

WLIT 306. Tragedy. 3 Units.
Reading and interpretation of selected plays of Aeschylus, Euripides, and Sophocles. Offered as GREK 306, GREK 406, WLIT 306, and WLIT 406.

WLIT 307. History. 3 Units.
Extensive reading in Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War, especially Books VI and VII, the expedition against Syracuse. Offered as GREK 307, GREK 407, WLIT 307 and WLIT 407. Prereq: GREK 202 or equivalent.

WLIT 308. Immigration and the Paris Experience. 3 Units.
Three-week immersion learning experience living and studying in Paris. The focus of the course is the culture, literature, and the arts of the African, Arab, and Asian communities of Paris. At least half of the course looks at issues surrounding immigration that affect women in particular. Students spend a minimum of fifteen hours per week visiting cultural centers and museums and interviewing authors and students about the immigrant experience. Assigned readings complement course activities. Students enrolled in FRCH 308/408 do coursework in French. WLIT 308/408, ETHS 308, and WGST 308 students have the option of completing coursework in English. Graduate students have additional course requirements. Offered as FRCH 308, WLIT 308, ETHS 308, WGST 308, FRCH 408, and WLIT 408. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 311. Homer. 3 Units.
Reading and translation of extensive selections from the Odyssey. Introduction to epic meter, to Homeric Greek, and to the poet's style. Consideration of evidences of oral composition and discussion of the heroic tradition. Offered as GREK 311, GREK 411, WLIT 311 and WLIT 411.

WLIT 315. Origins of Anime: Classical Texts, Modern Manga, Anime, and Tales. 3 Units.
Modern anime and manga authors and artists captivate audiences with rich stories and stylized art. This course investigates the origins of these stories by engaging premodern Japanese texts (in English language translation) and modern literary theory. Throughout the semester we will pay particular attention to commonalities among these literatures and narrative genres, as well as the extent they differ due to temporal/socio/religio/political concerns. Western and Asian literary theories, especially those concerning topics of translation, replacement, negotiation with classics, and gender and sexuality will also be extensively explored. We will interpret the historic human endeavor of story telling within the contexts of time and space and through a critical self-awareness of our own positions in the modern world. Students will prepare individual research projects and be responsible for finding and presenting primary sources and secondary research. The instructor will provide background information on political, cultural, and religious history as well as present on details of literary theory. The aim is to encourage students to critically analyze the modern perception of past events. Every topic will be addressed in three phases. First, the students will discover historical events, literature, and people through reading primary sources in English translation. In a second phase, we will see how these stories are depicted in movies, animation, or manga. Finally, students will perform research to explore the differences between the premodern sources and their modern adaptation and determine how we can use such a comparison to critically analyze the way modern storytellers recreate the past. Class sessions will combine lectures, discussion, and audio-visual materials. Offered as JAPN 315 and WLIT 315. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 318. Comedy. 3 Units.
Origin, ambiance, and development of Greek Old Comedy and persisting characteristics of the genre. Translation of selected plays from Greek into English. Offered as GREK 308, GREK 408, WLIT 318, and WLIT 418.

WLIT 319. Greek Tragedy: Plays and Performance in Ancient Athens. 3 Units.
This course provides students the opportunity to read a significant number of ancient Greek tragedies in modern English translations. We read, study, and discuss selected works by Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, as well as selected criticism, ancient and modern, of these plays. All semester we read the plays as literature composed for performance. We study literary elements within the plays and theatrical possibilities inherent in the texts. As we read the plays, we pay close attention to the historical context and look for what each play can tell us about myth, religion, ethics, and society in ancient Athens. Finally, we give attention to the way these tragic dramas and the theater in which they were performed have continued to inspire literature and theater for thousands of years. Lectures provide historical background on the playwrights, the plays, the mythic and historical background, and possible interpretation of the texts as literature and as performance pieces. Students discuss the plays that they read in class. The course has three examinations and a final project that includes writing an essay and staging a monologue or scene from one of the tragedies. Offered as CLSC 319, CLSC 419, THTR 319, THTR 419, WLIT 319, and WLIT 419. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.
WLIT 320. Chinese Popular Culture. 3 Units.
In this course we are going to study Chinese (including Mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Chinese Diaspora) popular culture since the 1980s. By examining different forms of popular culture, including popular literature, film, music, TV programs, posters, the Internet, etc., we will be looking into their political, ideological, sociological, cultural, and psychological mechanisms. The film viewing will take place outside the class. Offered as: CHIN 320, ASIA 320 and WLIT 320. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 322. Theater in Ancient Rome. 3 Units.
This course is designed as a continuation of and companion to CLSC/THTR/WLIT 319/419 Greek Tragedy Plays and Performance in Ancient Athens, although it may be taken without having taken, or before having taken, that course. Students in Theater in Ancient Rome will read a significant number of ancient Roman plays in modern English translation and study non-literary theatrical entertainment of the Roman Republic and Empire, that may include mime and pantomime, gladiatorial shows, political speeches, courtroom drama, and various other spectacles. The dramatic texts that we shall study include the fragments of early Latin drama, selected comedies by Plautus and Terence, and the tragedies of Seneca. We shall also consider Greek and Roman literature that comments on Roman theatrical practices. These works will be read for their literary merits and theatrical possibilities, while at the same time examining them for what they can tell us about Roman civilization. Similarly, when studying the non-literary theatrical works we shall examine historical and theatrical context including archaeological evidence from theaters and amphitheaters and material remains (masks, depictions of actors and gladiators on vases, terra cotta lamps, mosaics, etc.). Finally, while the majority of the course focuses on drama originally written in Latin and theatrical performances performed in ancient Rome, the course may include a brief survey of selected post-classical works indebted to the tradition of Roman drama and theater. Authors that may be studied include Hrotsvitha, Marlowe, Shakespeare, Racine, Molière, and the legacy of Roman drama and theater in contemporary stage and cinema such as Sondheim's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Thus a secondary concern will be to consider how and in what ways the legacy of Roman drama and theater has continued to shape the dramatic arts since antiquity. Offered as CLSC 322, CLSC 422, THTR 322, THTR 422, WLIT 322, and WLIT 422. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 325. Hispanic Intellectuals and Society: A Critical Approach. 3 Units.
This course offers an overview of the most important critical approaches to Spanish American culture and literature, with a socio-historical emphasis. Some of the authors we will discuss are Angel Rama, Jose Antonio Cornejo Polar and Nestor Garcia Canclini. We will analyze how the Latin American intellectuals had thought about specific issues such as identity, race, ideology, colonial and post-colonial relations with the metropolis and the process of formation of the nations in the continent. The class, the discussions, exams, oral presentations and papers will be in Spanish. Some of the readings must be in English, but most of them will be in Spanish. Offered as SPAN 325, SPAN 425, ETHES 325, WLIT 325 and WLIT 425. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 329. Modern and Contemporary Drama. 3 Units.
This course explores the development of western drama and theatre from 1860 through present-day productions. The course emphasizes the relationship between different theatrical representations and their historical and social context. Shakespeare's well-known dictum that "theatre holds a mirror up to nature" is expanded when one examines who is holding that mirror, and how their actions participate in the constantly shifting construction of culture. Given this premise, the course investigates the development of specific European cultures (England, France, Germany, and Italy) as well as other regions (the United States, South America, and Russia) through the - live and literary - representations they make of themselves. Offered as THTR 329, WLIT 329 and THTR 429. Counts as SAGES Departmental Seminar. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: At least Sophomore standing.

WLIT 334. Literature of the Republic. 3 Units.
A reading course in prose and poetry of the Roman Republic. Extensive selections from Cicero and Catullus, and one comedy of Terence. Offered as LATN 305, LATN 405, WLIT 334, and WLIT 434.

WLIT 336. Elegiac Poetry. 3 Units.
In this course we shall translate and interpret selected elegies by Catullus, Tibullus, Propertius, and Ovid. We will also devote considerable class time to the reading and in-depth analysis of the major secondary literature, starting with the introductory pieces in the newest companions published by Brill and Cambridge, and moving on to fundamental articles and perhaps even a full scholarly monograph. Offered as LATN 356, LATN 456, WLIT 336, and WLIT 436.

WLIT 337. Love and Loss: Reading The Tale of Genji. 3 Units.
Murasaki Shikibu's The Tale of Genji (c. 1000 CE), the great Japanese classic often referred to as "the world's first novel," has been praised by countless readers and scholars since it was first circulated within the imperial court. In this course we will read the entire text in English translation. We will focus on themes of love and loss, paying special attention to the substitution that results from the hero, the shining prince Genji, losing his mother at a tender age and attempting to fill the void she left. Since Genji is popularly thought of as a "playboy" we will investigate the thematic, historic, political, social, and religious descriptions within Genji's (many) love affairs, with a special emphasis on issues of gender. We will also consider the poetry, imagery, costume, music, religion, theater, and material culture of the mid-Heian era, which is encapsulated in the tale. Students will prepare individual research projects and be responsible for finding and presenting primary sources and secondary research. The instructor will provide background information on political, cultural, and religious history as well as present on details of literary theory. The aim is to encourage students to critically analyze the modern perception of the past. Class sessions will combine lectures, discussion, and audio-visual materials. All material is in English translation. There are no prerequisites. The course is conducted in English. Offered as JAPN 337 and WLIT 337. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 345. Japanese Women Writers. 3 Units.
Contributions of women writers to the literature of pre-modern and modern Japan; investigations of how their works exemplify and diverge from "mainstream" literary practices. Emphasis on the social and cultural contexts of the texts. Offered as JAPN 345 and WLIT 345. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.
WLIT 347. Livy, Power of Words: Ritual Uses of Premodern Japanese Literature. 3 Units.
Readings in Books I and XXI, with other selections from this major Augustan historian. Offered as LATN 307, LATN 407, WLIT 347, and WLIT 447. In premodern Japan, it was not only death and mourning ritual and practice that could pacify the spirit of the deceased, but also language. Authors consciously crafted the words of their works to simultaneously express the grief associated with longing and pacify the spirits of the dead. These words are called kotodama (power of words). From as far back as the eighth-century Kojiki (Records of Ancient Matters) and Nihon Shoki (The Chronicles of Japan) textual representations of mourning were linked with special uses of language and spirit pacification. At the death of Ame-no-wakahiko (a mythological god), his parents constructed a mourning hut and performed songs to secure his spirit in the afterworld. As several authors have demonstrated, from kotodama in the mid-eighth-century poetic anthology Man'yoshū, (Collection of Ten Thousand Leaves) to linked verse (renge) in medieval Japan, carefully constructed literary language also had a place in ritual pacification of the spirits of the dead. Words were not simple expressions of grief; they held power. All material is in English translation. The course is conducted in English. All material will be provided via PDF. Offered as JAPN 347 and WLIT 347 and RLGN 347. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

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WLIT 363H. African-American Literature. 3 Units.
A historical approach to African-American literature. Such writers as Wheatley, Equiano, Douglass, Jacobs, DuBois, Hurston, Hughes, Wright, Baldwin, Ellison, Morrison. Topics covered may include slave narratives, African-American autobiography, the Harlem Renaissance, the Black Aesthetic, literature of protest and assimilation. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as AFST 363H, ENGL 363H, ETHS 363H, WLIT 363H, ENGL 463H, and WLIT 463H. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 365. German Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Goethe defined "World Literature" (Weltliteratur) as "Intellectual Trade Relations" (geistiger Handelsverkehr). This course gives students the opportunity to study German literary works in translation and thus to trade intellectual relations with a literary culture previously unknown to them. Counts toward the German major only as a related course. No knowledge of German required. Offered as GRMN 365 and WLIT 365.

WLIT 365E. The Immigrant Experience. 3 Units.
Study of fictional and/or autobiographical narrative by authors whose families have experienced immigration to the U.S. Among the ethnic groups represented are Asian-American, Jewish-American, Hispanic-American. May include several ethnic groups or focus on a single one. Attention is paid to historical and social aspects of immigration and ethnicity. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 365E, ENGL 365EC, ENGL 465E, WLIT 365E and WLIT 465E. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 365N. Topics in African-American Literature. 3 Units.
Selected topics and writers from nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century African-American literature. May focus on a genre, a single author or a group of authors, a theme or themes. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as AFST 365N, ENGL 365N, ETHS 365N, WLIT 365N, ENGL 465N, and WLIT 465N. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 365Q. Post-Colonial Literature. 3 Units.
Readings in national and regional literatures from former European colonies such as Australia and African countries. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 365Q, ENGL 365QC, ETHS 365Q, WLIT 365Q, ENGL 465Q, and WLIT 465Q. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 366G. Minority Literatures. 3 Units.
A course dealing with literature produced by ethnic and racial minority groups within the U.S. Individual offerings may include works from several groups studied comparatively, or focus on a single group, such as Native Americans, Chicanos/Chicanas, Asian-Americans, Caribbean-Americans. African-American works may also be included. May cover the entire history of the U.S. or shorter periods. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 366G, WLIT 366G, ENGL 466G, and WLIT 466G. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 368. Topics in Film. 3 Units.
Individual topics include Horror Films, Storytelling & Cinema, Science Fiction Films, Films of Alfred Hitchcock, American Cinema & Culture, History of Cinema, and many others. This course has no prerequisites and welcomes first year students. Other than the number of credits from one department a student can apply toward graduating, there is no limit to the number of times Topics in Film can be taken. A student who has previously taken ENGL 368C may receive credit for ENGL 368 only if the themes/topics are different. Offered as ENGL 368, ENGL 468, WLIT 368, and WLIT 468.

WLIT 370. Greek Prose Composition. 3 Units.
This course introduces students to the principles and practice of composing continuous passages of Greek prose. It is designed to review and to strengthen students' command of Attic forms while becoming more aware of the ways Greek syntax was employed to express thought. Via practice at writing Greek prose, the ultimate goal is for the students to become more proficient and sensitive readers of ancient Greek. Offered as GREK 370, GREK 470, WLIT 370 and WLIT 470.

WLIT 375. Russian Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Topics vary according to student and faculty interest. May include Russian classical and modern literature, cinema, women writers, individual authors. May count towards Russian minor. No knowledge of Russian required. Offered as RUSN 375 and WLIT 375. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 385. Hispanic Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Critical analysis and appreciation of representative literary masterpieces from Spain and Latin America, and by Hispanics living in the U.S. Texts cover a variety of genres and a range of literary periods, from works by Cervantes to those of Gabriel Garcia Marquez. The course will examine the relationship between literature and other forms of artistic production, as well as the development of the Hispanic literary text within the context of historical events and cultural production of the period. Counts toward Spanish major only as related course. No knowledge of Spanish required. Offered as ETHS 385, ETHS 485, SPAN 385, SPAN 485, WLIT 385, and WLIT 485. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 386. Russian Culture and Civilization: From Varangians to Revolutionaries (862-1917). 3 Units.
This course will explore the history, art, and literature of the Eastern Slavic/Russian people from the ninth century to the end of the Russian empire in 1917. Students will trace the formation and transformation of the Slavic/Russian state, from Kievan Rus’ to the Tsardom of Muscovy and to the Russian empire. The historical background will be illuminated by the literary and artistic works created by outstanding Russian writers, poets, painters, and composers. At the end of the course, students will gain a solid knowledge of the Russian cultural ground and understand the roots of Russian national and cultural identity. Offered as RUSN 386 and WLIT 386. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 387. Literary and Critical Theory. 3 Units.
A survey of major schools and texts of literary and critical theory. May be historically or thematically organized. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 387, WLIT 387, ENGL 487, and WLIT 487. Prereq: ENGL 150 or passing letter grade in a 100 level first year seminar in FSCC, FSNA, FSSO, FSSY, FSTS, or FSCS.

WLIT 390. Topics in World Literature. 3 Units.
In-depth examination of specific critical and literary theories and of their relevance for literature and culture studies. Authors, works and instructor may vary. Offered as WLIT 390 and WLIT 490.
WLIT 391. Introduction to Text Semiotics. 3 Units.
Introduction to Text Semiotics addresses both students of Literature and students in Cognitive Science. Most of the authors included in the reading list extend their linguistic approach towards fields that intersect literature, psychology, philosophy, aesthetics, and anthropology. The scholarly traditions of text analysis and structural theory of meaning, including authors from classical formalism, structuralism, structural semiotics, and new criticism will be connected to cognitive theories of meaning construction in text, discourse, and cultural expressions in general. The focus of this course, taught as a seminar, is on empirical studies, specific text analyses, discourse analyses, speech act analyses, and other studies of speech, writing, and uses of language in cultural contexts. This course thus introduces to a study of literature and cultural expressions based on cognitive science and modern semiotics—the new view that has been coined Cognitive Semiotics. Offered as COGS 391 and WLIT 391.

WLIT 395. Advanced Topics in Akkadian Literature. 3 Units.
Directed readings in selected Akkadian texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods to serve the individual interests and needs of students (texts may be drawn from a variety of text genres: mythological, historical, scientific, medical, correspondence, religious, etc.). Offered as AKKD 395, AKKD 495, WLIT 395 and WLIT 495. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: AKKD 101 and AKKD 102.

WLIT 397. Honors Thesis I. 3 Units.
Intensive study of a literary, linguistic, or cultural topic with a faculty member, leading to the writing of a research paper. Prereq: Senior status.

WLIT 398. Honors Thesis II. 3 Units.
Continuation of WLIT 397. Prereq: WLIT 397 and senior status.

WLIT 399. Independent Study. 1 - 3 Units.
For majors and advanced students under special circumstances.

WLIT 400. The City in Literature. 3 Units.
Focus on major cities of the world as catalysts and reflections of cultural and historical change. Interdisciplinary approach utilizing the arts, literature, social sciences. Examples include Berlin at the turn of the century; Paris in literature and film; Tokyo in history and literature. Offered as WLIT 300 and WLIT 400. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 401. Greek Prose Authors. 3 Units.
Readings from authors such as Plato, Lysias, Xenophon, and Herodotus. Offered as GREK 201, GREK 401, WLIT 201 and WLIT 401.

WLIT 402. Introduction to Greek Poetry. 3 Units.
Primarily readings from Homer, Hesiod, and Theocritus. Selections from Greek lyric may be introduced at the instructor’s discretion. Offered as GREK 202, GREK 402, WLIT 202 and WLIT 402.

WLIT 405. Readings from the Epic of Gilgamesh. 3 Units.
In this course, we will read the entire Standard Babylonian recension of the Epic of Gilgamesh, considered the first great work of literature, from the original Akkadian text. While the primary goal of the course will be to become proficient readers of Akkadian, we will take some excursus on topics such as Babylonian religion, whether Gilgamesh was a historical figure or not, how the text was put together, and its possible influence on later heroic traditions such as the Greco-Roman. Offered as AKKD 205, AKKD 405, WLIT 205 and WLIT 405. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: AKKD 101 and AKKD 102.

WLIT 406. Tragedy. 3 Units.
Reading and interpretation of selected plays of Aeschylus, Euripides, and Sophocles. Offered as GREK 306, GREK 406, WLIT 306, and WLIT 406.

WLIT 407. History. 3 Units.
Extensive reading in Thucydides’ History of the Peloponnesian War, especially Books VI and VII, the expedition against Syracuse. Offered as GREK 307, GREK 407, WLIT 307 and WLIT 407.

WLIT 408. Immigration and the Paris Experience. 3 Units.
Three-week immersion learning experience living and studying in Paris. The focus of the course is the culture, literature, and the arts of the African, Arab, and Asian communities of Paris. At least half of the course looks at issues surrounding immigration that affect women in particular. Students spend a minimum of fifteen hours per week visiting cultural centers and museums and interviewing authors and students about the immigrant experience. Assigned readings complement course activities. Students enrolled in FRCH 308/408 do coursework in French. WLIT 308/408, ETHS 308, and WGST 308 students have the option of completing coursework in English. Graduate students have additional course requirements. Offered as FRCH 308, WLIT 308, ETHS 308, WGST 308, FRCH 408, and WLIT 408. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 411. Homer. 3 Units.
Reading and translation of extensive selections from the Odyssey. Introduction to epic meter, to Homeric Greek, and to the poet’s style. Consideration of evidences of oral composition and discussion of the heroic tradition. Offered as GREK 311, GREK 411, WLIT 311 and WLIT 411.

WLIT 418. Comedy. 3 Units.
Origin, ambiance, and development of Greek Old Comedy and persisting characteristics of the genre. Translation of selected plays from Greek into English. Offered as GREK 308, GREK 408, WLIT 318, and WLIT 418.

WLIT 419. Greek Tragedy: Plays and Performance in Ancient Athens. 3 Units.
This course provides students the opportunity to read a significant number of ancient Greek tragedies in modern English translations. We read, study, and discuss selected works by Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides, as well as selected criticism, ancient and modern, of these plays. All semester we read the plays as literature composed for performance. We study literary elements within the plays and theatrical possibilities inherent in the texts. As we read the plays, we pay close attention to the historical context and look for what each play can tell us about myth, religion, ethics, and society in ancient Athens. Finally, we give attention to the way these tragic dramas and the theater in which they were performed have continued to inspire literature and theater for thousands of years. Lectures provide historical background on the playwrights, the plays, the mythic and historical background, and possible interpretation of the texts as literature and as performance pieces. Students discuss the plays that they read in class. The course has three examinations and a final project that includes writing an essay and staging a monologue or scene from one of the tragedies. Offered as CLSC 319, CLSC 419, THTR 319, THTR 419, WLIT 319, and WLIT 419. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.
WLIT 422. Theater in Ancient Rome. 3 Units.
This course is designed as a continuation of and companion to CLSC/THTR/WLIT 319/419 Greek Tragedy: Plays and Performance in Ancient Athens, although it may be taken without having taken, or before having taken, that course. Students in Theater in Ancient Rome will read a significant number of ancient Roman plays in modern English translation and study non-literary theatrical entertainment of the Roman Republic and Empire, that may include mime and pantomime, gladiatorial shows, political speeches, courtroom drama, and various other spectacles. The dramatic texts that we shall study include the fragments of early Latin drama, selected comedies by Plautus and Terence, and the tragedies of Seneca. We shall also consider Greek and Roman literature that comments on Roman theatrical practices. These works will be read for their literary merits and theatrical possibilities, while at the same time examining them for what they can tell us about Roman civilization. Similarly, when studying the non-literary theatrical works we shall examine historical and theatrical context including archaeological evidence from theaters and amphitheaters and material remains (masks, depictions of actors and gladiators on vases, terra cotta lamps, mosaics, etc.). Finally, while the majority of the course focuses on drama originally written in Latin and theatrical entertainments performed in ancient Rome, the course may include a brief survey of selected post-classical works indebted to the tradition of Roman drama and theater. Authors that may be studied include Hrotsvitha, Marlowe, Shakespeare, Racine, Molière, and the legacy of Roman drama and theater in contemporary stage and cinema such as Sondheim’s A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Thus a secondary concern will be to consider how and in what ways the legacy of Roman drama and theater has continued to shape the dramatic arts since antiquity. Offered as CLSC 322, CLSC 422, THTR 322, THTR 422, WLIT 322, and WLIT 422. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 425. Hispanic Intellectuals and Society: A Critical Approach. 3 Units.
This course offers an overview of the most important critical approaches to Spanish American culture and literature, with a socio-historical emphasis. Some of the authors we will discuss are Angel Rama, Jose Antonio Cornejo Polar and Nestor Garcia Canclini. We will analyze how the Latin American intellectuals had thought about specific issues such as identity, race, ideology, colonial and post-colonial relations with the metropolis and the process of formation of the nations in the continent. The class, the discussions, exams, oral presentations and papers will be in Spanish. Some of the readings must be in English, but most of them will be in Spanish. Offered as SPAN 325, SPAN 425, ETHS 325, WLIT 325 and WLIT 425. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 432. Vergil. 3 Units.
Primarily readings from The Aeneid; selections from Vergil’s other work may be introduced at instructor’s discretion. Recommended preparation: LATN 201 or equivalent. Offered as LATN 202, LATN 402, WLIT 232 and WLIT 432.

WLIT 434. Literature of the Republic. 3 Units.
A reading course in prose and poetry of the Roman Republic. Extensive selections from Cicero and Catullus, and one comedy of Terence. Offered as LATN 305, LATN 405, WLIT 334, and WLIT 434.

WLIT 436. Elegiac Poetry. 3 Units.
In this course we shall translate and interpret selected elegies by Catullus, Tibullius, Properti, and Ovid. We will also devote considerable class time to the reading and in-depth analysis of the major secondary literature, starting with the introductory pieces in the newest companions published by Brill and Cambridge, and moving on to fundamental articles and perhaps even a full scholarly monograph. Offered as LATN 356, LATN 456, WLIT 336, and WLIT 436.

WLIT 441. Latin Prose Authors. 3 Units.
Reading and discussion of such prose authors as Cicero, Caesar, Livy or Pliny. Offered as LATN 201, LATN 401, WLIT 241 and WLIT 441.

WLIT 447. Livy. 3 Units.
Readings in Books I and XXI, with other selections from this major Augustan historian. Offered as LATN 307, LATN 407, WLIT 347, and WLIT 447.

WLIT 448. Horace: Odes and Epodes. 3 Units.
Readings and discussion of extensive selections from the poetry of Horace; consideration of Horace as exemplifying the spirit of the Augustan Age. Offered as LATN 308, LATN 408, WLIT 348, and WLIT 448.

WLIT 449. Medieval Latin. 3 Units.
Reading and interpretation of Latin texts from the Middle Ages. Material selected according to the needs and interests of students. Offered as LATN 309, LATN 409, WLIT 349, and WLIT 449.

WLIT 451. Latin Didactic Literature. 3 Units.
Readings from didactic poetry such as Lucretius and Vergil’s Georgics. Parodies like Ovid’s Ars Amatoria or prose treatises may also be introduced. Offered as LATN 351, LATN 451, WLIT 351, and WLIT 451.

WLIT 452. History. 3 Units.
Works of the Roman historian Cornelius Tacitus; his Annals I-VI dealing with his portrait of Emperor Tiberius and the Empire after the death of Augustus. Offered as LATN 352, LATN 452, WLIT 352, and WLIT 452.

WLIT 453. Science and Technology in France. 3 Units.
This course is an exploration of the development of science and technology in France, from their rise in the 18th and 19th centuries to their recent renaissance, from both a scientific and a humanities perspective. A significant component will focus on the contributions of women to science in France. Site visits in France will include the Marie Curie laboratory, the Pasteur Institute, and the Museum of Natural History. Readings will come from the fields of history of science, French cultural history, and French literature. Offered as FRCH 328, FRCH 428, WGST 333, WLIT 353 and WLIT 453. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement.

WLIT 454. Drama. 3 Units.
Reading of at least one play each by Plautus and Terence. Attention to the history of Latin and Greek New Comedy, and the contrasting styles of the two authors. Offered as LATN 354, LATN 454, WLIT 354, and WLIT 454.

WLIT 463H. African-American Literature. 3 Units.
WLIT 465E. The Immigrant Experience. 3 Units.
Study of fictional and/or autobiographical narrative by authors whose families have experienced immigration to the U.S. Among the ethnic groups represented are Asian-American, Jewish-American, Hispanic-American. May include several ethnic groups or focus on a single one. Attention is paid to historical and social aspects of immigration and ethnicity. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 365E, ENGL 365EC, ENGL 465E, WLIT 365E and WLIT 465E. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 465N. Topics in African-American Literature. 3 Units.
Selected topics and writers from nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first century African-American literature. May focus on a genre, a single author or a group of authors, a theme or themes. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as AFST 365N, ENGL 365N, ETHS 365N, WLIT 365N, ENGL 465N, and WLIT 465N. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 466G. Minority Literatures. 3 Units.
A course dealing with literature produced by ethnic and racial minority groups within the U.S. Individual offerings may include works from several groups studied comparatively, or focus on a single group, such as Native Americans, Chicanos/Chicanas, Asian-Americans, Caribbean-Americans. African-American works may also be included. May cover the entire history of the U.S. or shorter periods. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 366G, WLIT 366G, ENGL 466G, and WLIT 466G. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 468. Topics in Film. 3 Units.
Individual topics include Horror Films, Storytelling & Cinema, Science Fiction Films, Films of Alfred Hitchcock, American Cinema & Culture, History of Cinema, and many others. This course has no prerequisites and welcomes first year students. Other than the number of credits from one department a student can apply toward graduating, there is no limit to the number of times Topics in Film can be taken. A student who has previously taken ENGL 368C may receive credit for ENGL 368 only if the themes/topics are different. Offered as ENGL 368, ENGL 468, WLIT 368, and WLIT 468. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 470. Greek Prose Composition. 3 Units.
This course introduces students to the principles and practice of composing continuous passages of Greek prose. It is designed to review and to strengthen students' command of Attic forms while becoming more aware of the ways Greek syntax was employed to express thought. Via practice at writing Greek prose, the ultimate goal is for the students to become more proficient and sensitive readers of ancient Greek. Offered as GREK 370, GREK 470, WLIT 370 and WLIT 470.

WLIT 485. Hispanic Literature in Translation. 3 Units.
Critical analysis and appreciation of representative literary masterpieces from Spain and Latin America, and by Hispanics living in the U.S. Texts cover a variety of genres and a range of literary periods, from works by Cervantes to those of Gabriel García Márquez. The course will examine the relationship between literature and other forms of artistic production, as well as the development of the Hispanic literary text within the context of historical events and cultural production of the period. Counts toward Spanish major only as related course. No knowledge of Spanish required. Offered as ETHS 385, ETHS 485, SPAN 385, SPAN 485, WLIT 385, and WLIT 485. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 487. Literary and Critical Theory. 3 Units.
A survey of major schools and texts of literary and critical theory. May be historically or thematically organized. Maximum 6 credits. Offered as ENGL 387, WLIT 387, ENGL 487, and WLIT 487. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 490. Topics in World Literature. 3 Units.
In-depth examination of specific critical and literary theories and of their relevance for literature and culture studies. Authors, works and instructor may vary. Offered as WLIT 390 and WLIT 490. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 495. Advanced Topics in Akkadian Literature. 3 Units.
Directed readings in selected Akkadian texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods to serve the individual interests and needs of students (texts may be drawn from a variety of text genres: mythological, historical, scientific, medical, correspondence, religious, etc.). Offered as AKKD 395, AKKD 495, WLIT 395 and WLIT 495. Counts for CAS Global & Cultural Diversity Requirement. Prereq: AKKD 101 and AKKD 102.

WLIT 590. Seminar in World Literature. 3 Units.
Topics vary depending on student and instructor interests; may include Postcolonial literature; Latin American literature and film; African Angophone and Francophone literature. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 601. Independent Study. 1 - 18 Units.
For graduate students under special circumstances. Prereq: Graduate standing.

WLIT 651. Thesis M.A.. 1 - 18 Units.
(Credit as arranged.)