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Comparative Literature Virtual Open Day

1st April 2020

Introduction to Queen Mary

At Queen Mary University of London, we believe that a diversity of ideas helps us achieve the previously unthinkable.

Throughout our history, we've fostered social justice and improved lives through academic excellence. And we continue to live and breathe this spirit today, not because it's simply 'the right thing to do' but for what it helps us achieve and the intellectual brilliance it delivers.

We continue to embrace diversity of thought and opinion in everything we do, in the belief that when views collide, disciplines interact, and perspectives intersect, truly original thought takes form.

About the school

The School of Languages, Linguistics and Film is defined by excellence in five areas, where the collision of different disciplines creates a vibrant multi- and interdisciplinary environment for research and teaching.

We bring minds together from across the globe and offer a wealth of subject expertise across the arts and humanities, from practical film-making to postmodern literature and experimental neurolinguistics.



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Comparative Literature

Convenor: Dr Shital Pravinchandra

MA in Comparative Literature

Study literature from
anywhere in the world

Linguistic coverage:

English

Hindi

French

Chinese

Spanish

German

Russian

Classics (esp Latin)



Research specialisms:

- Children's literature
- World literature and its history
- Exile and cosmopolitanism
- Marquis de Sade, censorship, the gothic
- Adaptation studies
- South-south comparison
- Postcolonial studies, decolonization
- Comparative Literature and its history
- Literature and Philosophy

Programme Structure

Comparative Literature:

Term 1:

60 credits (made of coursework for 2-4 modules)

Term 2:

60 credits (made of coursework for 2 modules)

Term 3:

60 credits (dissertation of up 12,000 words)

Sample modules:

Cultures of Comparison – this is the only **core module** (all students take it). Team taught, introduces you to history of CL and key contemporary debates

- **Culture, Memory and Trauma**
 - The Rise and Fall of the Hero(ine)
- **Exilic Writing and the Making of World Literature**
 - In Pursuit of Prejudice? Mutual Perceptions of Identity
- **The Value of Literature: Debates in 20th century China**
 - Mapping Twentieth Century Latin American Fiction

Tailoring programme to fit you:

- Each student can take ONE module outside SLLF (e.g. in English, etc)
- In Term 1, each student can take 30 credits (i.e. 2 modules) worth of level 6 (final year undergraduate) modules
- The student can write a dissertation on any range of topics, as long as the subject is comparative, i.e. involves two or more linguistic traditions (e.g. French and Arabic) and/or media (e.g. film and novel)

Programme Assessments

Comparative Literature:

- You are assessed exclusively through **coursework**
- You will produce between 4-6 essays over terms 1 and 2
- Your dissertation (12,000) words will form a crucial aspect of your MA programme

Career Options

Our graduates often go on to:

- Further study in academia
- Careers in:
 - publishing
 - cultural industries (museums, galleries, etc)
 - teaching
 - civil service

Why choose us?

- Flexible course structure: you can design your own programme of study



- Pursue your interest in specialist areas and enhance your research and writing skills



- Perfect for recent graduates with or without further knowledge of a foreign language





Questions?

Please place these in Q and A section,
so that we can keep track of them

Further Q and A sessions coming up:

Admission Q&A: <https://zoom.us/j/814975737>

Alumni Q&A: <https://zoom.us/j/654101865>

Both of these run from 3-3.30pm

Other useful links:

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/prospective/coronavirus-applicant-faqs/>

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/deadlines/>

<https://www.welfare.qmul.ac.uk/international/>

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/international-students/englishlanguage/requirements/postgraduate/taught/>

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/residences/college/qmaccommodation/mileendpg/>



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