While Comparative Studies is broadly concerned with the study of culture and cultural differences, students develop particular areas of expertise. The Folklore concentration provides an introduction to the study of folklore methods and folk materials—such everyday activities as riddles, ethnic jokes, urban legends—that seem unimportant but that are significant in producing identities and strategies of resistance or control. Students develop a particular focus within a particular area to provide depth. That area might be the folklore of a particular geographical region or community, or the study of a particular genre, such as oral narrative or performance. Students will learn how different cultural groups interact among themselves and with others, while focusing their study on particular subjects (verbal arts, material culture, etc.) or particular geographical regions or cultural groups.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Film Critic
- Media Analyst
- Teacher/Professor
- Librarian
- Translator/Interpreter
- Curriculum Developer
- Research Assistant
- Peace Corp Volunteer

**Communication and Media**
- Journalist
- Technical Writer
- Publisher

**Education**
- Clergy or Religious Leader
- Social Worker
- Grant Writer
- Human Rights Advocate
- Lawyer
- Legal assistant
- Legal/Policy Researcher

**Non-Profit/Advocacy**

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Transferable Skills:**

- Basic Computer Skills
- Written Communication
- Research Skills
- Language Fluency
- Verbal Communication
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Law and Policy Awareness
- Cultural Understanding
- Attention to Detail
- Expressing Ideas
- Social Perceptiveness
- Organization Skills
- Listening Skills
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Gathering Information
- *This is not an extensive list of transferable skills. See larger list of skills you might develop here:* [http://ccss.osu.edu](http://ccss.osu.edu)

**Professional Links:**

- American Folklore Society: [http://afsnet.org](http://afsnet.org)
- American Folklife Center: [http://www.loc.gov/folklife/](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/)
- American Studies Association: [http://theasa.net](http://theasa.net)