The major in World Literatures is focused on historical and contemporary literature and the processes of globalization. Students analyze, in English translation, a wide range of fiction, poetry, and drama produced in different geopolitical regions of the world, and study these different literary texts and traditions in their historical and cultural contexts. Program courses emphasize close reading and analysis of particular texts, but also explore the relationships between the texts and the cultures that produced them. To ensure that students' understanding of different literary traditions is global in scope, all students select courses in which they study the literature of the following geopolitical regions: Africa, the Middle East, East and South Asia and the Pacific Islands, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Editor
- Publisher
- Journalist
- Literary Agent

**Communication and Media**
- Study Abroad Coordinator
- Linguistics Researcher

**Education**
- Professor

**Government/Politics**
- Lawyer

**Transferable Skills:**

- Basic Computer Skills
- Language Fluency
- Expressing Ideas
- Provide/Respond to Feedback
- Speaking Effectively
- Use Technology Effectively
- Written Communication
- Cultural Understanding
- Service Orientation
- Social Perceptiveness
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Teamwork
- Gathering Information
- Research Skills
- Setting Goals
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Organization Skills
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Data Analysis
- Analytical/Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving

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

**Professional Links:**

- American Comparative Literature Association: [http://www.acla.org/](http://www.acla.org/)