

Module Title: Introduction to Comparison

Module Code: COM4206

Credit Value: 15

Level: 4

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

This module aims to familiarise you with Comparative Literature as an academic discipline and to help you develop key comparatist skills such as comparative commentary writing and passage selection. The module aims to explore the various ways in which texts can be connected and compared, as well as the reasoning behind such endeavours, and will be divided into three distinct blocks: 'Key Skills and Debates'; 'Postcolonialism and Comparison'; and 'From Comparative Literature to World Literature'.

Module Aims

Upon completion of the course students will have increased their understanding of:

- Comparative Literature as a discipline including recent developments
- Key comparative approaches

Students will also have increased their ability to

- analyse literary and other texts with greater sophistication;
- demonstrate knowledge of, and make theoretically informed connections between, texts of different periods, literatures and cultures;
- reflect critically upon textual reception both in history and in their own practice;
- construct cogent and sophisticated critical essays and comparative commentaries with evidence of individual study and initiative;
- select appropriate passages for comparison; and
- demonstrate familiarity with basic research skills and bibliographic skills.

The module fosters development in the following areas of QM's Graduate Attributes:

- Rounded Intellectual Development
- Clarity of Communication
- Research Capacity