

# What can I do with a major in Comparative Literature

## The University of Georgia Career Center

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*This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.*

### Description of Comparative Literature

Comparative Literature differs from other literature concentrations largely through its international focus and broad view of culture. With such a broad focus, students majoring in comparative literature can use their degree in a variety of ways. Generally speaking, anyone who is professionally interested in the interpretation of the written or spoken word—whether lawyer, businessperson, writer or humanities professor—can profit from the theory and methods of comparative literature. Opportunities for graduates include education, foreign-service, and international business. This field provides students with sensitivity to international cultures and is particularly useful for careers in foreign-service and international trade. Careers in translating, editing, publishing, journalism, broadcasting, public relations, politics, writing, library work, and criticism are also possible career paths.

### Researching Job Titles and Careers

**O\*NET** <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

**Georgia Career Information Center** <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

**Career Insider: Vault Guides** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

**Candid Career** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (View professionals speaking about their careers under the “Resources” tab and select “Online Resources”)

### Possible Job Titles

Analyst	Editorial Assistant	Interpreter / Translator
Associate Managing Editor	English Instructor & Spanish-English	Language Librarian
Assistant Manager	Translator	Law Enforcement Officer
Border Patrol /Customs Officer	ESL Instructor	Lexicographer
Case Manager	Executive Assistant	Linguist
Civil Service Worker	FBI Agent	Literary Agent
Communications Specialist	Foreign News Correspondent	Management and Program Analyst
Congressional Aide Consumer Affairs	Foreign Service Officer	Manager Trainee
Copy Editor/Writer	Geographic Researcher	Marketing Assistant/Proposal Writer
Court Reporter	Historian	Peace Corps Volunteer
Creative Director	Hotel Manager	Press Officer
Cultural Officer	Independent Distributor	Program Specialist
Defense Language Institute Officer	International Consulting	Receptionist
Diplomat	International Coordinator	Teacher/Co Grade Level Chair/Coach
Editor	International Development Officer	

### Possible Employers

Barnes & Thornburg LLP	Import / Export Companies	One to One Colombia
Bauer Publishing	International Banking/Business	Oxford Economics
Berlitz	International Non-Profits	Peace Corps
BI Incorporated	Ken David & Associates, LLP	Pink Palm
Bunim Murray Productions	Ketchum International	Political Action Groups
Chambers of Commerce	Language institutes	Public Relations Firms
Consulting Agencies	Library of Congress	Publishing Companies
Developmental Learning Centers	Literary Periodicals	Smarter Living Inc.
Educational Institutions	LOMA	The Agents' Marketing Group
Embassies	Marietta Daily Journal & Times, Inc.	The Beck Group
Government Agencies	Maritz Internet Travel	Unisys Corporation
Hertz	National Archives	US Department of the Treasury
Immigration Services	News Bureaus	Vermont Counsel on the Humanities

*To learn what types of positions and companies UGA students are working with, see the UGA Career Center Post Graduation Survey at [www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/](http://www.career.uga.edu/gradsurveyresults/) and search for alumni on Linked In at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).*

## Campus Resources

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**To find additional clubs and organizations, go to the Center for Student Organizations at- <http://stuorgs.uga.edu/find/index.html>  
Willson Center for Humanities and Arts - <http://www.cha.uga.edu/>**

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Connect with your Career Consultant <http://career.uga.edu/contact#careerconsultants>**

## Employment Websites

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### GENERAL:

**CareerSearch** [http://career.uga.edu/resources/online\\_resources](http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources) (Research employers by location and/or industry)

**DAWGlink** [www.career.uga.edu/](http://www.career.uga.edu/) (login with your UGA MyID and password)

**GoinGlobal** (To access GoinGlobal, login to your DAWGlink account)

**Idealist** [www.idealists.org/](http://www.idealists.org/) (nonprofit jobs)

**USAJobs** [www.usajobs.gov/](http://www.usajobs.gov/) (federal jobs)

### MAJOR/CAREER SPECIFIC:

Aviso Museum Careers - <http://www.aam-us.org/aviso/index.cfm>

CDS International Inc.: <http://www.cdsintl.org/>

Cultural Resource Network - <http://www.eculturalresources.com/jobs.php>

National Geographic Society - <http://sh.webhire.com/Public/521/>

National Public Radio - <http://www.npr.org/about/jobs/>

New York Foundation for the Arts - <http://www.nyfa.org/opportunities.asp?type=Job&id=94&fid=6&sid=17>

Non-Profit Career Network - <http://www.nonprofitcareer.com/>

Opportunity Knocks - <http://www.opportunitynocs.org/>

Public Broadcasting Service - [http://www.pbs.org/aboutpbs/aboutpbs\\_jobs.html](http://www.pbs.org/aboutpbs/aboutpbs_jobs.html)

Smithsonian Careers/Internships - <http://www.sih.si.edu/job.htm>

The Write Jobs - <http://www.writejobs.com/jobs/>

## Professional Information Resources

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American Comparative Literature Association - <http://www.acla.org/>

American Copy Editors Society - <http://www.copydesk.org/>

American Library Association - <http://www.ala.org/>

American Society of Journalists & Authors - <http://www.asja.org/>

Association of Literary Scholars and Critics - <http://www.alscw.org/>

National Writers Association - <http://www.nationalwriters.com/page/page/1963103.htm>

Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. To search, select “groups” under the “interests” tab. Also, review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

## Additional Career Consultant Recommendations:

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### Interested in graduate school?

Find current information on getting into graduate school at UGA’s Career Center webpage: [http://career.uga.edu/graduate\\_school/](http://career.uga.edu/graduate_school/)

**For additional resources and information on careers, please contact your career consultant to set up an appointment.**