Comparative Literature

Major Overview:
As either a major or a minor, a bachelors of arts in comparative literature allows the student great freedom to explore an area of their choice. The department encourages cross-disciplinary work between students of many fields of interest through cultural and linguistic borders. Students will learn different national literatures as well as the literatures of ethnic groups. Thus exposing students to philosophy, modern theory, cultural studies, and translation studies from distinctive communicative contexts.

Research Areas:
Speak to an undergraduate professor in the comparative literature department and visit the comparative literature undergraduate website for information on research opportunities. [http://www.binghamton.edu/comparative-literature/undergraduate.html]

For extra-curricular activities that will help prepare you for your post-graduate career, visit the student groups website. [http://binghamtonsaa.org/executive-vp/current-student-groups/]

Post-Graduation:
With a background in comparative literature, your potential careers are unlimited. You will be able to take your ability to critique, express, describe, analyze, and clarify language and composition. These skills will be a benefit to any career path you choose. Below are just some of the career fields that are open to you, however there are many more.

Academia
Teacher
Author
Editing
Publisher
Social worker
Advisor
Marketer
Script writer
Analyst
Peace Corps
Advocate
Broadcaster

Radio
Sales
Advertiser
Business owner
Librarian
Historian
Developer
Media specialist
Speech writer
Public servant
Foreign service worker
Lobbyist
Museum (Coordinator, Educator, Curator)
To expand upon the skills you will learn as a comparative literature major, exploring internships in areas that interest you is highly encouraged. Your internship experiences can be as vast and varied as you would like them to be. If you have specific interests, speak with a professor within the department to explore research opportunities.

Courses:
First-year courses to consider:

WRIT 111: Coming to Voice
COLI 110 or 111: World Literature I
COLI 211B: Literature & Psychology
COLI 214B: Literature & Society
Foreign Language 200 Level

Click here to access the University Bulletin for an in-depth description of each course. [http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/]

Thank you.
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