

Department of Comparative Literature Guidelines for Dissertation Committee Membership

Students should refer to the Graduate School's "Dissertation Committee Policy" when forming their committee. Please note that each member of the committee must be part of the Graduate Faculty. In addition, the following Comparative Literature Department policy applies.

Relevant academic expertise is the guiding factor in the selection of the dissertation Chair as well as Core Members. Because of Comparative Literature's broad disciplinary scope, members of the dissertation committee are not limited to faculty whose primary appointment is in the Department of Comparative Literature. The Chair, as well as Core Members, may be drawn from the much larger body designated as "Participating Faculty."

The Institutional Representative is by definition a faculty member whose appointment is entirely outside of the Department of Comparative Literature. However, a member of the "Participating Faculty" may be chosen as an institutional representative if that faculty member's field is distinct from that of the student. In such cases, the student must petition the Comparative Literature Department's Graduate Committee for an exemption.

The composition of a candidate's dissertation committee is subject to the approval of the department's Graduate Committee and the Graduate School

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