

PhD in English Literature & Comparative Cultural Studies

Purpose and Objectives of the Programme

The doctoral programme in English Literature and Comparative Cultural Studies is designed for students who wish to undertake research in Anglophone or comparative literature, with particular emphasis on theoretical, cross-cultural and interdisciplinary perspectives. Students may explore cross-cultural dimensions within English Studies, Anglophone literature in relation to literatures in other languages, intergeneric approaches to literature, or recent developments in literary and cultural analysis, drawing from disciplines such as psychoanalysis, anthropology, sociology, political theory, history, philosophy, gender and postcolonial studies.

Duration of Studies

6 semesters of study minimum / 16 semesters of study maximum. Total ECTS: **240**

Admission Requirements and Application Submission Guidelines

The admission procedure for postgraduate students at the University of Cyprus takes place through the Graduate School which announces available programs and places. In addition to announcing the number of places available in each field of study and the application procedure, the eligibility criteria for candidates are also mentioned, as well as other required documents that must be attached to the application.

Applicants for admission to the PhD programmes of the Department of English Studies are expected to hold an MA in a relevant field of study from a recognized university in Cyprus or abroad. Further, all applicants are required to be proficient in the English language.

Applicants are required to submit their applications electronically, through the Online Application System of the Graduate School of the University of Cyprus that may be found in the following link:

http://applications.ucy.ac.cy/postgraduate_appl/MNG_USER_en.login_frm

Along with their electronic application form, applicants are required to submit the following:

- A full CV in English.
- Certified copies of degrees and academic transcripts. More specifically, applicants for the PhD programmes are required to submit a certified copy of their BA degree and their BA degree transcript. Further, they are required to submit a certified copy of their MA degree – or an official document certifying that they will have graduated before the start date of the PhD programme for which they are applying – and a certified copy of their MA degree transcript.
- A Personal Objectives Essay: A brief statement of interest (from 500 words, up to 2 pages), which describes the reasons why the applicant wants to join the particular postgraduate programme, his/her interests and plans for the future.

- A Preliminary Research Proposal: A preliminary research proposal (of approximately 1,500 words) that describes the applicant's proposed research topic.
- Writing samples in English (which, in the case of PhD applications, must include a copy of the applicant's MA thesis).
- Letters of recommendation: Applicants will be required to state the names and addresses of academics who will be called to submit their letters of recommendation directly to the University of Cyprus via the online system. For applications to the PhD programmes, three recommendation letters are required.
- Certificate of English language proficiency. More specifically, applicants are required to demonstrate their proficiency in English by submitting an IELTS exam score of at least 6,5, or its equivalent on the basis of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Applicants with degrees from English-speaking university programs are exempt from this requirement.

Please note that applications and all other documents must be submitted in English.

Candidates may also be required to participate in an interview in order to assess their suitability for the programme.

Program Structure & ECTS Requirements

For all information regarding the structure of the PhD programme and the ECTS breakdown please see the general PhD guidelines available [here](#).