

Comparative Cultures in the College of Computer & Information Science

Every student in the College of Computer & Information Science must satisfy the NU Core Comparative Cultures requirement. If this requirement is satisfied by taking a course, then the course must be taken from the portion of the NU Core Master List devoted to Comparative Cultures. To keep this list up-to-date, it is maintained online rather than in printed form. See:

<http://www.neu.edu/registrar/nucorelist.html>

In CCIS, there are also options to satisfy Comparative Cultures by an activity other than taking a course. Here are some examples.

- Option 1: *Extended living abroad.* A student who has lived in a country other than the United States and Canada for a period of at least two years and who was at least 10 years old at the time of residence will automatically satisfy the Comparative Cultures requirement.
- Option 2: *Extended travel, work, or study abroad.* A student may satisfy the Comparative Cultures requirement by successful participation in an international coop assignment or study abroad program for a period of six months in a country other than Canada. This activity should have a component that fosters learning about the culture of the country in which the activity is taking place.
- Option 3: *Community service.* A student may satisfy the Comparative Cultures requirement by completing 100 hours of appropriate community service. The student must file a petition describing the proposed service and explain why this service will contribute to an understanding of another culture. This petition must be approved by the Undergraduate Committee before the work begins. Upon completion of the service, the student must file a report describing the work done together with independent verification that the work was in fact completed.

These options cover the most common alternatives for satisfying the Comparative Cultures requirement without taking a course. However, the college is willing to consider for approval other proposals in the same spirit.

In all cases, appropriate documentation must be provided if a student seeks to satisfy the Comparative Cultures requirement by an alternative mechanism.