# World Literature (WLIT)

## Courses

**WLIT 5123. Survey of Russian Literature from Its Beginning to the 1917 Revolution. 3 Hours.**  
(Formerly WLIT 4123.) The instructor will discuss the historical and cultural backgrounds while focusing on major writers and will deal with literature as an outlet for social criticism. There will be textual analysis. It will be taught in English. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both WLIT 4123 and WLIT 5123.

**WLIT 5133. Survey of Russian Literature Since the 1917 Revolution. 3 Hours.**  
(Formerly WLIT 4133.) The instructor will discuss the historical and cultural backgrounds while focusing on major writers and will deal with literature as an outlet for social criticism. There will be textual analysis. It will be taught in English with readings in English. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both WLIT 4133 and WLIT 5133.

**WLIT 5193. Introduction to Comparative Literature. 3 Hours.**  
Literary theory, genres, movements, and influences.

**WLIT 5523. The Quran as Literature. 3 Hours.**  
The Quran as literary text: its style and form, historical context, translation, issues, communities of interpretation, and comparative perspectives. Course's integrated approach includes translations of literature originally in Arabic. All readings in English; students with reading abilities in Arabic encouraged to read original text.

**WLIT 5623. The Bible as Literature. 3 Hours.**  
The several translations of the Bible; its qualities as great literature; its influence upon literature in English; types of literary forms.  
This course is cross-listed with ENGL 5623.

**WLIT 575V. Special Investigations on World Literatures and Cultures. 1-6 Hour.**  
Independent study of a special topic in world literatures and cultures. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**WLIT 5993. African Literature. 3 Hours.**  
(Formerly WLIT 4993.) A study of modern African fiction, drama, poetry, and film from various parts of Africa in their cultural context. Works are in English or English translation. Graduate credit will not be given for both WLIT 4993 and WLIT 5993.

**WLIT 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.**  
Master's Thesis. May be repeated for degree credit.

**WLIT 603V. Special Studies in Comparative Literature. 1-6 Hour.**  
Special studies in comparative literature. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**WLIT 6703. Psychoanalysis and Culture. 3 Hours.**  
Readings of key texts in Psychoanalytic thought and cultural criticism including Freud, Lacan, Kristeva, Certeau, Zizek, and others. Selections of Psychoanalytic approaches to literature, film and gender and trauma studies.

**WLIT 6713. Literature of Spain, 711-1615 C.E. 3 Hours.**  
Examines the multiple cultural traditions of Spain between 711-1615 C.E. and train to produce scholarship pertinent to the field. Integrated approach includes English translations of literature originally in Arabic (50%-+ of content), Hebrew, Spanish, French. Students with reading abilities in original languages encouraged to read original text.

**WLIT 6803. Postcolonial Theory and Subaltern Studies. 3 Hours.**  
Seminar examining the geopolitical (imperial, colonial and national) implications of knowledge and culture. Selected readings of early postcolonial texts by Cesaire, Fanon, and Fernandez Retamar, as well as more recent texts by Said, Spivak, Bhabha, Mignolo, Beverly and Chakrabarty among others. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**WLIT 690V. Seminar. 1-6 Hour.**  
Seminar. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

**WLIT 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.**  
Doctoral Dissertation. May be repeated for degree credit.