Program: Comparative Literature—Translation M.F.A. Program
Rating: Additional Evaluation Required

The Comparative Literature-Translation program has mixed results. The narrative for this program did not provide sufficient information for a positive assessment. Selectivity for this small graduate program is not very good. The program offers partial support to the 3-4 admits/year. The program lacks a director and this deficiency clearly has a negative impact on the program. Since there is interaction of translation graduate students and faculty in IWP and other writing programs as well as the languages, the program may be a candidate for restructuring and possible merger with other related programs. One possibility would be in a proposed division of world languages and cultures.

Program: Comparative Literature M.A., Ph.D. Program
Rating: Additional Evaluation Required

Students in this relatively small graduate program (5 MA, 10 PhD) are involved in research on literatures and cultures from comparative and international perspectives. The student cohort is internationally diverse, but not from a typical underrepresented domestic standpoint. Only 7 students entered the PhD program between 1996-2000, 3 of whom graduated, resulting in a low doctoral completion of 43% and a long median TTD of 7.7 yrs. Placement into tenure track faculty and other nonacademic positions appears to be good. Financial support for graduate students is tenuous in that the program anticipates being able to fund students for 5 years even though the TTD is much longer than this and multi-year packages are rarely awarded. Students typically find support as TAs in Rhetoric, Gen Ed lit, and foreign languages although these areas are experiencing reductions. The Task Force recommends additional evaluation of this program.