



B.A. COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

Each year of this plan includes milestones that support the four pillars of career development — self-discovery, exploration, experience, and action. These milestones are here to guide you, not limit you — your journey may move at a different pace, and that's completely okay.

YEAR 1 | BUILD FOUNDATIONS

- Visit [Garnet Gate](#) & the August Student Org Fair to explore and join [clubs or orgs for your major](#)
- Explore [success/support](#) options and [Office of Student Advocacy](#)
- Explore top [Comparative Literature employers](#)
- Review your specific interests & next steps by meeting with a MCAS CC & looking at the [What Can I Do with This Major?](#) page
- Attend the [Part-Time Job Fair and All Majors Fair](#) in the fall/spring to understand relevant employers and fair etiquette
- Consider the Language House for your place of residence ([International House at Maxcy College](#))
- Volunteer with charitable organizations by connect with the [Leadership and Service Center](#)
- Identify your career goals & take [career & personality assessments](#) to understand your skills, interests, values and strengths
- Explore your options to see where Comparative Literature alumni are working & what skills they have developed 🔄
- Get involved to build on the [eight Career Competencies](#) employers look for
- Meet with MCAS CC to discuss a 4-year plan and create a collegiate resume
- Find summer experiences related to your goals/interests 😊

YEAR 2 | EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES

- Participate in a formal mentoring program through [Mentorship Hub](#) and join [LinkedIn](#) to connect with [USC Alumni](#)
- Explore the [CC Toolkit](#) to explore additional career readiness resources to guide your documents
- Take the Personality Assessment & review your Custom Personality Report 🔄
- Revisit your career goals, identify skills gained and update your resume
- Consider a [minor](#)
- Attend graduate/professional schools or employer events to learn about possible career paths and attend [career fairs](#) to gain exposure
- Explore [study abroad](#)/exchange programs for a global perspective
- Find a [mentor](#) within the department and explore conducting [research](#) related to your interest
- Participate in [job shadowing](#)
- Talk about your personal brand, goals & next steps with a CC or PPA
- Start or continue volunteering with organizations
- Conduct [informational interviews](#) with alumni & professionals in the field
- Start looking for a summer internship 😊

YEAR 3 | FIND FOCUS

- Secure a summer internship, practicum, clinical experience, etc. to build on skills and enhance professionalism — start looking EARLY
- Explore courses, trainings, or certifications to enhance skills and knowledge
- Attend professional development events such as employer visits, professional or graduate school panels, workshops, [job shadowing on-site](#), and [informational interviews](#) to gain confidence & grow connections
- Reflect on your 2nd year and summer experiences and skills & update your resume with relevant courses & experiences
- Keep up with related professors or past employers for networking & recommendations
- Start thinking about after graduation plans & desired career path and work with a MCAS CC to make a game plan
- Continue to connect with [alumni](#) and employers 😊
- Prepare for entrance exams (GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc.)
- Confirm graduate/professional schools' admission requirements & contact the [Pre-Professional & Graduate School](#) team for assistance
- Review your online presence through a professional lens
- If Graduate school is in your future, use resources located on the [CC Toolkit](#)
- Research education requirements for careers of interest
- If not attending grad school, meet with your CC to explore career options

YEAR 4 | PREPARE FOR LAUNCH

- Reach out to professors, supervisors, and key connections to write recommendation letters or serve as a reference for you
- Join professional groups or organizations & set up job alerts for your search
- Utilize any relevant resources to network & reach out to contacts
- Attend [events & fairs](#) to gain information about specific jobs, programs & opportunities
- Research online to know more about companies, positions and graduate schools that interest you to understand career paths, job titles, salaries or program requirements 🔄
- Review & update your professional documents & online profiles pre job search
- Review your top skills & relevant experiences from the last four years
- Meet with a MCAS CC or PPA to create a plan for your job search, gap year/[grad school](#) application
- Engage in interview preparation & practice – create a document with most relevant experiences and STAR method
- Complete the Graduation Survey to share your post-grad plans



GAMECOCK GRADSTATS DATA



Curious about what you could make with a B.A. in Comparative Literature? Check out [Gamecock GradStats](#) for real-time salary information of graduates who majored in Comparative Literature.



DON'T FORGET THESE IMPORTANT TASKS!

- Build & update your [Handshake](#) profile.
- Create & update [professional documents](#) (resume, CV, references, etc.).
- [Schedule an appointment](#) with Career Coaches and/or Pre-Professional Advising staff.

» [DISCOVER EMPLOYERS HIRING YOUR MAJOR](#)

CAREER CENTER TOOLS

Check out the links below and explore all the tools the Career Center has to offer.

[CANDID CAREER](#) »»

Candid Career is our provider for thousands of video informational interviews with industry professionals. You can get real insight on careers, as well as tips to sharpen your the job search.

[CAREERSHIFT](#) »»

CareerShift is an online tool that allows you to search, select and store job listings from all job boards and all company job postings. You can also find up-to-date contact information for millions of companies.

[GAMECOCK GRADSTATS](#) »»

Explore the possibilities! Search & view USC students' post graduation career paths: where they work, skills they use, & how much they earn.

[HANDSHAKE](#) »»

Handshake is the Career Center's online resource for jobs, internships, events and employer connections. Handshake is also where you can find resources and make appointments with a career coach.

[INTERSTRIDE](#) »»

Interstride is a one-stop-shop that empowers you to thrive internationally.

[MENTORSHIP HUB](#) »»

Mentorship Hub is an online platform that connects the USC community. The platform provides career support, career resources, and an opportunity to mentor or seek mentorship.

[WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR?](#) »»

Explore unexpected career possibilities for your degree and see how other students turned their major into amazing careers.

Other Campus Resource Links:

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning](#)
- [Leadership and Service Center](#)
- [Office of Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Undergraduate Research](#)

The Career Center realizes that every student has a unique journey during their time here at the University of South Carolina. All students move at different paces along different paths. We acknowledge your individual needs and will meet you at whatever stage you are in. This document is meant to serve as a milestones guide to help you plan your future and your goals.