Application to the program in Comparative Studies may be made at the earliest during the student’s third quarter of residency in his or her primary department. From the point of acceptance into the program, the student’s preparation for dissertation research will be under the supervision of the interdepartment or intercampus Ph.D. committee. The degree granted may indicate in its title the precise nature of the student’s studies and research when appropriate and desirable—e.g., Ph.D. in comparative literature and ethnopoetics, in linguistics and literary studies, in economics and Chinese studies, in philosophy and the history of ideas. When an additional degree title is contemplated, the student’s Ph.D. committee must forward a program of study and research, as well as the dissertation proposal, to the supervising committee for initial approval and to the Graduate Council for final approval.

Students applying for admission to UCSD and interested in applying for admission to the program should direct their inquiries to the chairperson of the program.

Faculty Research Groups

Beginning with the academic year 1997–1998, the program sponsors a series of faculty research groups. These groups consist of faculty who have announced their intention to supervise graduate students wishing to work on topics involving the comparative study of language, society, and culture. Each faculty research group is expected to be composed of faculty in the humanities, social sciences, and arts from different departments and/or campuses. For a list of current faculty research groups and the topics which they support, contact the chairperson of the program.