B.A. in Classical Studies

A B.A. in Classical Studies opens the door to exploring the literature, history, art, archaeology and philosophy of the ancient Greeks and Romans, primarily through English translations. Students see the lasting influence of these complex civilizations in our civic, professional, intellectual, and cultural lives through a variety of learning opportunities: interactive language classes, specialized courses on topics ranging from gender and sexuality to STEM in the ancient world, and affordable study abroad opportunities. From this work, they develop intermediate skills in ancient Greek or Latin, as well as advanced skills in innovative analysis, creative and collaborative problem solving, and outstanding, persuasive communication. Graduates pursue careers in a variety of fields such as education, law, journalism, business and entrepreneurship, and health sciences.

We also offer a Minor in Classical Studies.

Admissions, Advising & Student Resources

Please see our Undergraduate Programs section for information about applying to the program, career paths, scholarships, and other student resources. The Classics Department adviser is ready to help you if you have any further questions.

See also more info about combining a major in Classical Studies with preparation for medical school or other health sciences professional programs.

Degree Requirements

The Classical Studies major is especially suited for students not preparing for graduate study in classics but wishing to explore the literature, history, art, archaeology, and philosophy of classical antiquity, primarily through English translation. Those with no previous exposure to ancient Greek or Latin can complete the Classical Studies major in two years.

Requirements for the major in Classical Studies (61-67 credits) are:

1. Either Greek or Latin through 307, or the equivalent (25-30 credits)
2. 34 additional credits chosen with department approval from the following courses: Greek and Latin at the 400 level; classics in English, classical art and archaeology, ancient history, the history of ancient philosophy, and the history of ancient science. See list of acceptable courses.
3. CLAS 495, the Senior Essay (2-3 credits)