Undergraduate Major Programs

The undergraduate major programs in the Department of Classics are concerned with the languages, literatures and cultures of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Our students develop deeply informed critical perspectives and excellent analytical, problem-solving, and communication skills. They pursue careers in education, law, journalism, business and entrepreneurship, and health sciences. (See information here about combining a major in Classical Studies with preparation for Medical School or other Health Sciences professional programs.) We offer four undergraduate majors, described below: Classics, Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies.

BA in Classics

This major allows students to develop advanced expertise in both ancient Greek and Latin to explore the cultural, social and artistic life of the ancient Greek and Roman world and its continuing relevance to contemporary life. Many students participate in the department's study abroad programs in Rome or elsewhere. Like other degree programs in the Humanities, this major emphasizes the acquisition of those analytic and communications skills which are indispensable for careers in government, industry, law, medicine, and business. The Classics major is often a mark of distinction when a graduate applies for admission to professional school.

BA in Greek

Learning ancient Greek allows direct access to the thoughts and writings of the ancient Greeks and the dynamic world in which they lived and wrote. The study of ancient Greek fosters robust historical perspectives and develops strong analytical and communication skills that serve students well in a variety of careers. Many students participate in study abroad programs focused on the ancient world, including the department's programs in Rome.

BA in Latin

Learning Latin provides direct access to the thoughts and writings of the ancient Romans and the dynamic social, cultural and political world in which they lived and wrote. The study of Latin develops robust historical perspectives and strong analytical and communication skills that serve students well in a variety of careers. Many students participate in the department's excellent study abroad program in Rome.
BA in Classical Studies

This major is especially suited to students wishing to explore the literature, history, art, archaeology, and philosophy of ancient Greece and Rome primarily through English translations. Students with no previous exposure to ancient Greek or Latin can complete the Classical Studies major in two years. Students have often combined this major with another major, such as English, History or Art History and even with a non-humanities major such as computer studies, biochemistry or economics.

Advising

The Classics Department adviser is ready to help you if you have any further questions. He is always happy to discuss your interests, needs, plans, and options.

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