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Classics Major

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Classics is an interdisciplinary program devoted to the study of the ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. Students may focus on the classics language track or the classical civilization track. Besides the sequences in the Greek, Latin, and Sanskrit languages, the department offers courses in Greek and Roman archaeology, art, history, linguistics, literature (including comparative literature), mythology, philosophy, and social history.

The Classics Language track requires study of texts in the original languages while the Classics Civilization track makes use of these same texts in English translations. Both classics tracks qualify graduates for appropriate careers in teaching and library work but can also be used as preparation for non-classical academic and professional disciplines such as business, law, and medicine. The study of classics underlies any understanding of Western civilization. The field includes important literary and philosophical figures such as Homer, Plato, and Vergil. It also provides a background for the study of romance and other languages and assists in the proper use of English.

Required courses for the Classics major
The Classics major requires the completion of a minimum of 30 credits in one of the following tracks distributed as follows.

Greek language track

Required courses
GREEK 0011 Beginning Ancient Greek 1
GREEK 0021 Beginning Ancient Greek 2
GREEK 0210 Intermediate Greek: Prose
GREEK 0220 Intermediate Greek: Verse
GREEK 1700 Greek Prose Composition

Two of the following
GREEK 1300 Greek Authors 1
GREEK 1302 Greek Authors 2
GREEK 1420 Greek Reading: Philosophers
GREEK 1902 Directed Study for Undergraduates

Two of the following
LATIN 0011 Beginning Latin 1
LATIN 0021 Beginning Latin 2
LATIN 0210 Intermediate Latin: Prose
LATIN 0220 Intermediate Latin: Verse

Latin language track

Required courses
LATIN 0011 Beginning Latin 1
LATIN 0021 Beginning Latin 2
LATIN 0210 Intermediate Latin: Prose
LATIN 0220 Intermediate Latin: Verse

Two of the following
LATIN 1300 Latin Authors 1
LATIN 1302 Latin Authors 2
LATIN 1400 Latin Reading: Epic
LATIN 1902 Directed Study for Undergraduates

Two of the following
GREEK 0011 Beginning Ancient Greek 1
GREEK 0021 Beginning Ancient Greek 2
GREEK 0210 Intermediate Greek: Prose
GREEK 0220 Intermediate Greek: Verse

Classical civilization track

Required courses
CLASS 0010 Greek Civilization
CLASS 0020 Roman Civilization

Two of the following
GREEK 0011 Beginning Ancient Greek 1
GREEK 0021 Beginning Ancient Greek 2
GREEK 0210 Intermediate Greek: Prose
GREEK 0220 Intermediate Greek: Verse
LATIN 0011 Beginning Latin 1
LATIN 0021 Beginning Latin 2
LATIN 0210 Intermediate Latin: Prose
LATIN 0220 Intermediate Latin: Verse

Area of concentration
Students are required to complete three CLASS courses in an area of concentration chosen in consultation with the major advisor.

Elective courses
Students are required to complete three elective courses, one in each of three areas chosen from among the following: Ancient Archeology, Art, Culture, History, Language, Literature, Philosophy, and Science.

Grade requirements
A minimum GPA of 2.0 in courses that count toward the major is required for graduation.

Satisfactory/No Credit option

Language track: two courses that count toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis. Civilization track: two courses that count toward the major can be taken on an S/NC basis.

Writing (W) requirement

Students must complete at least one W-course in the major.

Honors major requirements

To earn an honors major in Classics, a student must fulfill all requirements for the major, and:

1. attain a GPA of 3.50 or above in departmental courses by the end of their junior year; and
2. write an honors essay in conjunction with a senior level course deemed acceptable by the department.

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Checklist for the Classics major

Greek language track

Required courses
_____ GREEK 0011
_____ GREEK 0021
_____ GREEK 0210
_____ GREEK 0220
_____ GREEK 1700

Two of the following
_____ GREEK 1300
_____ GREEK 1302
_____ GREEK 1420
_____ GREEK 1902

Two of the following
_____ LATIN 0011   _____ LATIN 0210
_____ LATIN 0021   _____ LATIN 0220

Latin language track

Required courses
_____ LATIN 0011
_____ LATIN 0021
_____ LATIN 0210
_____ LATIN 0220

Two of the following
_____ LATIN 1300
_____ LATIN 1302
_____ LATIN 1400
_____ LATIN 1902

Two of the following
_____ GREEK 0011   _____ GREEK 0210
_____ GREEK 0021   _____ GREEK 0220

Classical civilization track

Required courses
_____ CLASS 0010
_____ CLASS 0020

Two of the following
_____ GREEK 0011   _____ LATIN 0011
_____ GREEK 0021   _____ LATIN 0021
_____ GREEK 0210   _____ LATIN 0210
_____ GREEK 0220   _____ LATIN 0220

Area of concentration – as specified on front of sheet

_____ CLASS _____
_____ CLASS _____
_____ CLASS _____

Elective courses – as specified on front of sheet

_____ CLASS _____ (area 1: _____)
_____ CLASS _____ (area 2: _____)
_____ _____ _____ (area 3: _____)