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

**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

**Latin language track**

**Required courses**
- LATIN 0011 Beginning Latin 1
- LATIN 0021 Beginning Latin 2
- LATIN 0210 Intermediate Latin: Prose
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- LATIN 1300 Latin Authors 1
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**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**

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