The University of Oregon

Classics

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The field of classics embraces Greek and Roman culture from the prehistoric to the medieval periods. The department offers bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in classics, and minors in classical civilization, Greek, and Latin.

The undergraduate’s primary aim in studying classics at the university is to learn Greek or Latin (or both) well enough to read the ancient authors in their original languages.

Through the study of classical literature in the original language and in English translation, and through the study of other areas encompassed by the classics, such as ancient history, philosophy, art history, mythology, and rhetoric, a student gains an understanding of the culture and ideals of the classical world and their influence on the languages and institutions of Western civilization.

Members of the classics faculty have a broad range of research and teaching specialties, including Greek poetry and prose, Roman poetry and prose, ancient philosophy and science, and classical archaeology, and foster close interdisciplinary ties with the faculty of several departments, including anthropology, art history, English, history, and philosophy.

Students who intend to major in classics should begin the study of one or both of the classical languages as early as possible in their undergraduate careers.

Careers

A bachelor’s degree in classics prepares students for entry into graduate programs in classics, linguistics, comparative literature, ancient history, and archaeology, eventually leading to careers in college teaching, fieldwork, or the editorial professions.

Many prestigious professional schools look upon broad and thorough schooling in the humanities with greater favor than upon narrow preprofessional undergraduate training. Accordingly, students graduating from classics departments throughout the country have had notable success in schools of law, medicine, and business.

Faculty


Christopher Eckerman, associate professor (Greek literature, lyric poetry, social history). BA, 2000, California, Davis; MA, 2002, PhD, 2007, California, Los Angeles. (2008)

Jeffrey M. Hurwit, professor. See History of Art and Architecture


Steven Shankman, professor. See English


Emeritus

John Nicols, professor emeritus. See History.


The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Participating

Martha J. Bayless, English

Kristen Seaman, history of art and architecture

• Bachelor of Arts: Greek Concentration
• Bachelor of Arts: Latin Concentration
• Bachelor of Arts: Greek and Latin Concentration
• Bachelor of Arts: Classical Civilization Concentration
• Bachelor of Arts: Classical Archaeology Concentration
• Minor in Greek
• Minor in Latin
• Minor in Classical Civilization

Undergraduate Studies

Major Requirements

The department offers a bachelor of arts (BA) degree. Students may choose to focus on Latin language and literature (Latin concentration), Greek language and literature (Greek concentration), or a combination of Greek and Latin. Students may also study the literature and culture of the ancient civilizations through courses that use secondary sources and translated texts (classical civilization concentration), or they may focus on classical archaeology and material culture.

Courses used to satisfy major requirements must be taken for letter grades and passed with grades of mid-C or better.

At least four upper-division courses (normally 16 credits) must be taken at the University of Oregon.

Bachelor of Arts in Classics: Greek Concentration

GRK 101–103 Basic Greek 1 15
Select one of the following archaeology courses: 4
CLAS 188 Introduction to Classical Archaeology...
Select six of the following:

- GRK 301 Authors: [Topic] 2
- GRK 302 Authors: [Topic] 2
- GRK 303 Authors: [Topic] 2
- 300-level Greek courses where repeatable
- 400-level Greek courses
- HIST 412 Ancient Greece: [Topic] 4
- HIST 414 Ancient Rome: [Topic] 4

Three upper-division Greek or Latin courses beyond the first year, courses in translation, or courses from related departments 3

Total Credits 63

1. Complete the introductory language courses or demonstrate proficiency at the introductory level.
2. Repeated with departmental approval.
3. A list of approved courses is available from the department.

Bachelor of Arts in Classics: Latin Concentration

Select one of the following archaeology courses: 4

- CLAS 188 Introduction to Classical Archaeology
- CLAS 399 Special Studies: [Topic]
- CLAS 407 Seminar: [Topic]

Select six of the following:

- LAT 301 Authors: [Topic] 2
- LAT 302 Authors: [Topic] 2
- LAT 303 Authors: [Topic] 2
- 300-level Latin courses where repeatable
- 400-level Latin courses
- HIST 412 Ancient Greece: [Topic] 4
- HIST 414 Ancient Rome: [Topic] 4

Three upper-division Latin or Greek courses beyond the first year, courses in translation, or courses from related departments 3

Total Credits 78

1. Complete the introductory language courses or demonstrate proficiency at the introductory level.
2. No fewer than 8 credits devoted to each language. Courses may be repeated with departmental approval.
3. A list of approved courses is available from the department.

Bachelor of Arts in Classics: Greek and Latin Concentration

Select one of the following archaeology courses: 4

- CLAS 188 Introduction to Classical Archaeology
- CLAS 399 Special Studies: [Topic]
- CLAS 407 Seminar: [Topic]

Select seven of the following courses: 2

- LAT 301–303 Authors: [Topic]
- or GRK 301–303 Authors: [Topic]
- 300-level Greek or Latin courses where repeatable
- 400-level Greek or Latin courses
- HIST 412 Ancient Greece: [Topic] 4
- HIST 414 Ancient Rome: [Topic] 4

Two upper-division Greek or Latin courses beyond the first year, courses in translation, or courses from related departments 3

Total Credits 48

1. Complete the introductory language courses or demonstrate proficiency at the introductory level.
2. No fewer than 8 credits devoted to each language. Courses may be repeated with departmental approval.
3. A list of approved courses is available from the department.

Electives in Greek (GRK), Latin (LAT), classics (CLAS), or relevant courses in anthropology (ANTH), art history (ARH), English (ENG), history (HIST), philosophy (PHIL), religious studies (REL). 5

Total Credits 8

Students are encouraged to take electives in ancient literature in translation and in ancient art, religion, mythology, or philosophy. They are also urged to take course work in Greek.
Minor in Greek

Minor Requirements

**Minor in Greek**

Upper-division Greek (GRK) courses

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**Honors**

The honors program in classics provides an opportunity for a student to focus on an area of concentration in a written thesis. The requirements for a bachelor's degree with honors in classics are as follows:

1. SATISFACTION OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR
2. A GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 3.50 OR BETTER IN COURSES TAKEN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH THE MAJOR AND THE UNIVERSITY
3. A SENIOR THESIS OF SUBSTANTIAL QUALITY, APPROVED BY THE THESIS DIRECTOR AND AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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**Bachelor of Arts in Classics: Classical Archaeology Concentration**

- **GRK 101–103 Basic Greek**
- **LAT 101–103 Basic Latin**
- **Three upper-division courses in Greek or Latin:**
  - **GRK 301–303 Authors: [Topic]**
  - **LAT 301–303 Authors: [Topic]**
- **Three courses in classical archaeology:**
  - **CLAS 188 Introduction to Classical Archaeology**
  - **CLAS 399 Special Studies: [Topic]**
  - **One other approved course**
- **Select two of the following art history courses:**
  - **ARH 322 Art of Ancient Greece**
  - **ARH 323 Art of Ancient Rome**
  - **ARH 324 Art and Politics in the Ancient World**
  - **ARH 424 Classical Greek Art**
- **Select two of the following anthropology courses:**
  - **ANTH 150 World Archaeology**
  - **ANTH 310 Exploring Other Cultures: [Topic]**
  - **ANTH 340 Fundamentals of Archaeology**
  - **ANTH 471 Zooarchaeology: [Topic]**
- Other anthropology courses approved by advisor

**Total Credits: 63**

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**Minor in Latin**

Upper-division Latin (LAT) courses

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**Minor in Classical Civilization**

Lower- or upper-division courses from approved list

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**Secondary School Teaching Careers**

The Department of Classics offers work for preparation to teach Latin in Oregon public secondary schools. Licensure as a secondary teacher requires completion of a graduate-level teacher preparation program. All work for the Latin endorsement should be completed before entering the teacher preparation program. For specific information about departmental requirements for the Latin endorsement, students should contact the departmental advisor. The College of Education offers a fifth-year program for teaching licensure in a second language. This program is described in the College of Education section of this catalog.

- Master of Arts: Classics
- Master of Arts: Classical Civilization

**Graduate Studies**

The Department of Classics offers the master of arts (MA) in classics with an option in Latin, Greek, or Classics (Greek and Latin). The degree may be earned with thesis or with a comprehensive examination.

The option in Greek or Latin is earned with a concentration in one of the classical languages, but students concentrating in one language typically take some work in the other.

Work for the option in classics is approximately evenly divided between Greek and Latin.
Programs of study are arranged in consultation with two advisors, at least one of whom is a member of the Department of Classics, and comprise graduate courses selected from Latin (LAT), Greek (GRK), classics (CLAS), history (HIST), history of art and architecture (ARH), religious studies (REL), philosophy (PHIL), and English (ENG).

**Admission**

Procedures for admission to do graduate work in classics include the following:

1. A completed Graduate Admission Application
2. Transcripts of all college work
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. Scores on the verbal and quantitative sections of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE)
5. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores are required for international students
6. A sample of written work and a statement of academic purpose

Several graduate teaching fellowships are available each year for entering graduate students. Applicants seeking such fellowships must send an application postmarked by January 31.

**Master of Arts: Classics**

**Graduate Courses**

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**Surveys**

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**Option 2**

Two-part comprehensive examination: translation and essay

**Option 3**

At least two 40- to 50-page essays

**Total Credits** 53-61

1. Equivalent courses taken as an undergraduate may fulfill this requirement.
2. The credits may be counted toward the 45-credit minimum. Satisfactory completion of the thesis includes an oral defense.
3. The candidate must, in consultation with his or her advisors, define a reading list for the translation part of the examination.
4. The candidate develops, expands, and revises work written for graduate author courses or seminars.

**Additional Requirements**

- Complete the general MA requirements stipulated by the Graduate School
- Pass with a grade of mid-B or better five courses in Greek and/or Latin authors
- Pass a translation examination in one modern language, usually French or German. This requirement may be fulfilled with a standardized examination offered by the university or by the successful translation of a significant scholarly text

Additional information may be obtained from the classics department and is included with the letter of admission.

**Interdisciplinary Program in Classical Civilization**

The Department of Classics administers an interdisciplinary master of arts degree in classics with a focus on classical civilization to provide predoctoral training for prospective candidates in ancient history, or for students interested in a general graduate program in ancient studies. The candidates must define, with the help of an advisory committee, a coherent program of study. More information may be obtained from the department office.

**Master of Arts in Classics with a Focus on Classical Civilization**

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**Option 2**

Two-part comprehensive examination: translation and essay

**Option 3**

At least two 40- to 50-page essays

**Total Credits** 45-53

1. The credits may be counted toward the 45-credit minimum. Satisfactory completion of the thesis includes an oral defense.
2. The candidate must, in consultation with his or her advisors, define a reading list for the translation part of the examination.
3. The candidate develops, expands, and revises work written for graduate author courses or seminars.

**Additional Requirements**

- Complete the general MA requirements stipulated by the Graduate School
- Pass with a grade of mid-B or better five courses in Greek and/or Latin authors
Courses

**CLAS 110. Classical Mythology. 4 Credits.**
Introduction to the world of Greek and Roman mythology with an emphasis on the issues of personal and social identity.

**CLAS 188. Introduction to Classical Archaeology. 4 Credits.**
Introduction to the archaeology and material culture of the Ancient Greeks and Romans.

**CLAS 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 201. Greek Life and Culture. 4 Credits.**
Introduces students to the literature, history, and art of ancient Greece. Students develop an appreciation for Greek culture and its similarities to and differences from American culture.

**CLAS 202. Roman Life and Culture. 4 Credits.**
Examines Roman civilization from the founding of Rome in the 8th century BC to the victory of Constantine in his religion early in the 4th century AD.

**CLAS 301. Greek and Roman Epic. 4 Credits.**
Analysis of the heroic tradition and epic themes in the Homeric poems, the works of Hesiod, and the Aeneid. Emphasis on literary criticism and intellectual history.

**CLAS 302. Greek and Roman Tragedy. 4 Credits.**
Examination of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and perhaps Seneca from the viewpoint of Greek intellectual history.

**CLAS 303. Classical Greek Philosophers. 4 Credits.**
Introduction to the philosophies of Plato and/or Aristotle from the viewpoint of Greek intellectual history.

**CLAS 304. Greek and Roman Tragedy. 4 Credits.**
Examination of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and perhaps Seneca from the viewpoint of Greek intellectual history.

**CLAS 305. Early China, Ancient Greece. 4 Credits.**
Examines the relationship between knowledge and wisdom in literature produced by two different ancient civilizations, Greece and China, from c. 1000 BCE to 86 CE. Offered alternate years.

**CLAS 306. Greek and Roman Tragedy. 4 Credits.**
Examination of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and perhaps Seneca from the viewpoint of Greek intellectual history.

**CLAS 306. Greek and Roman Archaeology: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
A course of variable content focusing on issues and methods of Mediterranean archaeology from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. Repeatable twice for a maximum of 12 credits when the topic changes.

**CLAS 308. Greek and Roman Archaeology: [Topic]. 4 Credits.**
A course of variable content focusing on issues and methods of Mediterranean archaeology from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity. Repeatable twice for a maximum of 12 credits when the topic changes.

**CLAS 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 408. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 409. Supervised Tutoring. 1-21 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable. 
Prereq: second-year proficiency in Greek or Latin.

**CLAS 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 508. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 602. Supervised College Teaching. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 606. Special Problems: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 608. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 609. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.

**CLAS 611. Introduction to Philological Methods. 4 Credits.**
Introduces graduate students to methodological approaches for the study of antiquity, employing faculty expertise in literary criticism, ancient art, historiography, epigraphy, ancient philosophy, and paleography.

Courses

**GRK 101. First-Year Greek. 5 Credits.**
Fundamentals of the Attic Greek language; readings in Attic Greek and in koine.

**GRK 102. First-Year Greek. 5 Credits.**
Fundamentals of the Attic Greek language; readings in Attic Greek and in koine. 
Prereq: GRK 101 or equivalent.

**GRK 103. First-Year Greek. 5 Credits.**
Fundamentals of the Attic Greek language; readings in Attic Greek and in koine. 
Prereq: GRK 102 or equivalent.

**GRK 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.**
Repeatable.
GRK 301. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Greek: selections from major Greek authors, either Plato or Lysias, with focus on reading and syntax. Repeatable when reading material changes.

GRK 302. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Greek: selections from Euripides, with focus on reading and syntax. Repeatable when reading material changes.

GRK 303. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Greek: selections from Homer or Hesiod, with focus on reading and syntax. Repeatable when reading material changes.

GRK 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 408. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 409. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 411. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Each term devoted to a different author or literary genre: Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus, Plato, Aristotle, Demosthenes, Herodotus, Aristophanes, lyric poetry, comedy, pastoral. Repeatable when topic changes.

GRK 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 508. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 511. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Each term devoted to a different author or literary genre: Euripides, Sophocles, Aeschylus, Plato, Aristotle, Demosthenes, Herodotus, Aristophanes, lyric poetry, comedy, pastoral. Repeatable when topic changes.

GRK 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 602. Supervised College Teaching. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 606. Special Problems: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 608. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 609. Terminal Project. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GRK 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

Courses

LAT 101. First-Year Latin. 5 Credits.
Fundamentals of Latin grammar; selected readings from classical and medieval authors.

LAT 102. First-Year Latin. 5 Credits.
Fundamentals of Latin grammar; selected readings from classical and medieval authors.
Prereq: LAT 101 or equivalent.

LAT 103. First-Year Latin. 5 Credits.
Fundamentals of Latin grammar; selected readings from classical and medieval authors.
Prereq: LAT 102 or equivalent.

LAT 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 301. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Latin: selections from Caesar, with focus on reading and syntax. Repeatable when reading material changes.

LAT 302. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Latin: selections from Virgil's Aeneid, with focus on reading and syntax. Repeatable when reading material changes.

LAT 303. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Second-year Latin: selections from major Roman authors with focus on reading and syntax. Recent authors are Cicero, Terence, Tibullus. Repeatable when reading material changes.

LAT 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 408. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 409. Supervised Tutoring. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 411. Authors: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Each term devoted to a different author or literary genre: Catullus, Tacitus, Juvenal, Pliny, Ovid, Lucretius, comedy, philosophy, elegy, epic, satire. Repeatable when topic changes.

LAT 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.
LAT 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 508. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

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Repeatable. Each term devoted to a different author or literary genre:
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LAT 606. Special Problems: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
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LAT 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 608. Colloquium: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 609. Terminal Project. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

LAT 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
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