



CLASSICS

B.A. IN CLASSICS

The Department of Classics offers courses in the Greek and Latin languages and literatures, in ancient history and in various other aspects of the culture and life of ancient Greece and Rome. Students who study classics learn about the character and achievements of the ancient classical civilization of the Mediterranean world, which was the cultural progenitor of the modern West. A knowledge of classical antiquity constitutes the backbone of the liberal education and provides an excellent basis for further education or professional training.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Students enjoy the rich resources of University Circle and use the facilities to conduct independent research. For example, a recent student examined the *Book of Hours* in the Cleveland Museum of Art archives in an effort to pinpoint the origin. Many classics classes are taught at the museum, with first-hand experience in the galleries and collections.
- The Crawford Fellowship is available for study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. Plans are underway for a summer tour of Greece and Italy.
- The Abraham Lincoln Fuller Prize in Translation annually awards a modest cash prize to a student majoring in classics.
- The Senior Capstone/departmental honors course teaches paleography and epigraphy, which includes reading from 15th century manuscripts in the Kelvin Smith Library.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

The classics major requires 36 credit hours of departmental offerings. In addition, majors are strongly advised to choose a related minor selected in consultation with and approved by the faculty adviser. Of the 36 hours in classics, 24 must be in either Greek or Latin or a combination of both, provided that at least three courses are included from the most advanced level in one of the languages. Four classics courses, of which at least two must be numbered above 300, are also required. The department also recommends the addition of four to six courses in a closely related field to be selected by the student in consultation with the adviser.

Examples of courses offered by the Department of Classics are:

CLSC 204 Heroes and Hustlers in Latin Literature

CLSC 313 Women in Ancient Greece and Rome

GREK 311 Homer

LATN 202 Vergil

Please see the General Bulletin (www.case.edu/bulletin) for a complete listing of courses offered by the Department of Classics and detailed course descriptions.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Departmental honors

A student seeking to earn the B.A. with departmental honors in classics must make written application to the department chair no later than May 1 of the junior year. Candidates for honors must enroll in CLSC 381 in each semester of the senior year for a total of six credit hours. In the fall semester, students learn how to read mediaeval manuscripts and ancient inscriptions. In the spring semester, they write a senior dissertation on the topic of their choice. A wide range of projects is available, and every attempt is made to suit the project to the individual interests and strengths of the candidate. Recent topics have included Roman engineering, artistic representations of the goddess Aphrodite, and prostitution in the ancient world.

Junior Year Abroad

The majority of classics majors spend their junior year abroad. In recent years, students have gone to England, Ireland, Australia and Germany.

RESEARCH AND FACILITIES

The Department of Classics has had a long-standing relationship with the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. One of the major focuses of collaboration is the school's long-standing excavation at the site of ancient Corinth. A former classics department faculty member conducted a 10-year dig at the site of Temple Hill, the central sanctuary area of the ancient city. His work produced significant material that has helped clarify the archaeological history of the site and is still being studied. Material continues to be published in a series of articles in the school's periodical, *Hesperia*, by a group of scholars who have taken on responsibility for this important work. Their specialties include classical pottery, architecture, epigraphy, sculpture, prehistoric artifacts, grave goods, numismatics and skeletal material. On this last topic, the department hopes to integrate the Temple Hill material into a detailed study of the population of Corinth from the 6th to 14th centuries.

RECENT GRADUATES

A recent survey of post graduation plans among graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences found that 55 percent went on to graduate or professional school and the remainder pursued other plans.

Recent classics graduates have been accepted to graduate programs in classics and to professional schools of law and medicine. Graduate/professional school choices include Brown, Harvard, and Ohio State University. A number of B.A. recipients have become Latin teachers.

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