

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

Degree: B.A., Classics

Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion (<https://cas.umw.edu/clpr/>)

Classics focuses on the study of the languages, literatures, and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. Since many of the ideas and principles which emerged in the classical world are basic to Western culture, courses in Classics apply to the study of almost all the liberal arts and sciences.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics may choose among four concentrations: Latin (see Latin (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/majors/latin/#text>)); an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Civilization; an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Archaeology; or an interdisciplinary concentration in Classics: Ancient Mediterranean Studies. The concentration in Classical Civilization focuses on the Greek and Latin languages and literatures, the world of the Greeks and Romans, the classical tradition (the continued use or influence of classical thought and art), and classical reception (the interpretation of classical thought by later societies). Students develop their major programs in consultation with a faculty advisor.

While some Classics majors who choose a concentration in Classical Civilization include teacher licensure in their schedule, others take a second major in a related field, such as history, philosophy, religious studies, English, business, computer science, art and art history, or modern languages. Graduates with degrees in Classics go on to have successful careers in law, government, non-profits, fine arts, museum work, education, archaeology, knowledge creation and curation (libraries, think-tanks, publishing and archives), business, financial services, and the computer/tech industry.

Opportunities for study and excavation abroad are readily available to the Classics major. Mary Washington is a member of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, the American Academy in Rome, and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Students are welcome to consult with the Classics faculty about programs at these and other institutions. Qualified students are invited to join Eta Sigma Phi, the national honor society for Classics, and to try for departmental honors in their senior year.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CLAS 103	Ideas and Culture: Greek Civilization	3
CLAS 105	Ideas and Culture: Roman Civilization	3
CLAS 285	Greek and Latin Languages and Literatures	3
Three credits of		3
GREK 201	Intermediate Greek	
	or LATN 201 Intermediate Latin	
	or any GREK or LATN course at 202 level or above	
And twenty-one (21) credits of any CLAS course or from approved courses below (at least 6 credits at the level of 299 or above)		21
CLAS 110	Greek and Roman Mythology in Art and Literature	
CLAS 202C	Ancient Tragedy	
CLAS 204	Epic Traditions	
CLAS 211	Greek and Roman Religion	
CLAS 302	Democracy and Revolution in Ancient Athens	

CLAS 305	Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology	
CLAS 310	Women in Antiquity	
CLAS 312	Myth in Theory, Film, and Culture	
CLAS 318	Ancient Slavery and Its Legacy	
CLAS 351	Special Studies in Classical Civilization	
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CLAS 380	Archaeology of the Greek and Roman World	
CLAS 385	The Ancient Mediterranean	
CLAS 390	The Ancient City	
CLAS 485	Guided Research	
CLAS 491	Individual Study	
CLAS 492	Individual Study	
CLAS 499	Internship	
Total Credits		33

Approved courses relating to classical civilization include courses in Greek or Latin and the following:

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At least 6 of the 33 credits (in Classics and approved courses) must be at the level of 299 or above.		
ARTH 114A	History of Western Art I	3
ARTH 305	Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology	3
ARTH 310	Greek Art	3
ARTH 311	Roman Art	3
CPRD 100	Topics in Classics, Philosophy, and Religion ¹	1-3
CPRD 299	Mysterium Humanum Studies ¹	3
CPRD 301	Studies in Ancient Languages ¹	3
CPRD 302	Studies in Ancient Languages ¹	3
CPRD 331	Cross-disciplinary Topics in Classics, Philosophy, and Religion ¹	3
ENGL 319	Shakespeare: The Early Plays	3
ENGL 320	Shakespeare: Later Plays	3
HIST 331A	History of Ancient Greece	3
HIST 332	History of Ancient Rome	3
ITAL 395	Italian Literature in Translation: Dante's Divine Comedy	3
ITAL 396	Italian Literature in Translation: Masterpieces of the Renaissance	3
LING 101B	Introduction to Linguistics	3
LING 309	Introduction to Phonology	3
PHIL 201	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PHIL 310	Plato	3
RELG 206A	Christian Beginnings	3
RELG 208	Christianity After the New Testament	3
RELG 211	Greek and Roman Religion	3
RELG 231	Special Studies in Religion ¹	1-3
RELG 331	Special Studies in Religion ¹	3
RELG 341	Major Religious Thinkers ¹	3

¹ With Permission.

General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of BLS general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the BLS degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

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