

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 three concentrations: Latin (see Latin); an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Civilization; or an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Archaeology. 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, or modern languages. With such a background, graduates have a wide range of opportunities after college, including museum work, archaeology, graduate study, teaching, and translating.

The concentration in Classical Archaeology offers special preparation to those students who wish to pursue museum or field work in archaeology. A concentration in Classical Archaeology joined with a related major such as anthropology, art history, historic preservation, history, or religion will enable a student to add depth of knowledge about the ancient world to his or her study of those disciplines.

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

Thirty-three (33) credits in CLAS 103-499 (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>) and approved courses relating to Classical Civilization, including CLAS 103 Ideas and Culture: Greek Civilization and CLAS 105 Ideas and Culture: Roman Civilization, and LATN 202 Intermediate Latin, GREK 202 Intermediate Greek, or at least 3 credits in an upper level Latin or Greek course. At least 6 of the 33 credits (in Classics and approved courses) must be at the level of 299 or above.

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

Code	Title	Credits
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 299	Mysterium Humanum Studies ¹	3
CPRD 301	Studies in Ancient Languages ¹	3

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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
PHIL 201	Ancient Greek Philosophy	3
PHIL 310	Plato	3
RELG 206A	Christian Beginnings	3
RELG 211	Greek and Roman Religion	3
RELG 231	Special Studies in Religion ¹	3
RELG 331	Special Studies in Religion ¹	3
RELG 341	Major Religious Thinkers ¹	3

¹ With Permission.

LATN 425 Latin Tutoring Practicum does not count in the major.

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. or B.S. 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. 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. 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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