

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/classics/>)

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Program Description

The Department of Classics explores all aspects of the Greek and Roman worlds, including their languages and literatures, art and archaeology, history, philosophy, religion, politics, economics, and law. We also feature courses on comparative studies of the ancient world beyond the Mediterranean and the modern reception and transformation of classical literature, art, and philosophy. This broad interdisciplinary approach to these cultures that have had a major role in shaping Western values and thought provides an excellent undergraduate education. Similar to other liberal arts majors in Philosophy, History, or English, our graduates go on to careers in education, law, medicine, business, politics, and the media.

The department offers courses in both English translation and the original languages. Several majors and minors are available, some in conjunction with the Departments of Anthropology and Art History and with the Alexander S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies. Academic internships, an honors program, the opportunity to participate in an archaeological excavation in Cyprus, study away programs, and individualized study are also available.

Classroom instruction is supplemented by a variety of activities. In addition to film screenings, lectures, and field trips sponsored by a lively Classics Club, students have access to the superb collections of antiquities at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the American Numismatic Society, and the Pierpont Morgan Library, as well as to the department's own collection of antiquities. Finally, opportunities for travel and study abroad are available in Greece, Italy, and other Mediterranean sites.

Honors Program

Departmental honors in the major in Classical Civilization are awarded to selected students who apply for admission to the program through the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Classics by the spring of their junior year. Honors candidates are expected to meet all the requirements for the major and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.65, both overall and in the major.

Students in the honors program must complete a total of ten 4-credit courses (40 credits). These must include: two semesters of the senior honors sequence CLASS-UA 295 Senior Honors Seminar (fall; 4 credits) and CLASS-UA 297 Senior Honors Thesis (spring; 4 credits). The faculty member guiding the student in these two courses will be the chosen thesis advisor.

Students have the option of taking CLASS-UA 295 (fall) and CLASS-UA 297 (spring) in addition to the ten courses (40 credits) required for the major. In that case, these courses are each taken for 2 credits. This must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

In addition to coursework, students must complete a senior honors thesis based on original research, developed under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The thesis is completed as part of the two senior honors courses. It is expected that a final polished version of the thesis will be complete by the penultimate week of April of the senior year.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

This major requires ten 4-credit courses completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as follows: two years of either college-level Ancient (not Modern) Greek or Latin through the Intermediate II level (CLASS-UA 10 Intermediate Greek: Homer and CLASS-UA 6 Intermediate Latin: Virgil, respectively, or the equivalent; four courses/16 credits). The remaining six courses (24 credits) are chosen from the civilization offerings of the department. Students who place out of, or ahead in, the classical language sequence and take fewer than four language courses must take additional major electives in advanced language and/or classical civilization to complete ten courses and 40 credits. Students must complete at least two language courses in residence at NYU.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language ¹		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Major Requirements		
Complete ten 4-credit courses ²		24
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		56
Total Credits		128

¹ The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit.

² Elementary I through Intermediate II in either Greek or Latin count as part of the 40 major credits and also satisfy the graduation requirement in foreign language. These 16 credits are listed under General Education Requirements and are not counted and listed again under Major Requirements.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 3	Elementary Latin I	4
Texts and Ideas		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16

2nd Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 4	Elementary Latin II	4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
	Credits	16
3rd Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 5	Intermediate Latin: Cicero	4
Major Elective (1 of 6)		4
Physical Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
4th Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 6	Intermediate Latin: Virgil	4
Major Elective (2 of 6)		4
Life Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
5th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (3 of 6)		4
Major Elective (4 of 6)		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (5 of 6)		4
Major Elective (6 of 6)		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
7th Semester/Term		
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
8th Semester/Term		
Other Elective Credits		4
	Credits	16
		Total Credits 128

Policies

Program Policies

Policies for All Classics Majors and Minors

No course with a grade below a C (2.0) can count toward any major or minor offered in this department. Courses taken Pass/Fail also do not count.

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have acquired:

1. A level of proficiency in either Latin or Greek sufficient to commence reading advanced texts under guidance.
2. Knowledge of different genres of Greek and Latin literature.
3. Knowledge of different aspects of Greek and Roman antiquity, such as its literature, history, archaeology, and philosophy.