

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

Students may receive a degree with honors in the classics or classical civilization majors. Honors recognition requires a 3.65 average overall, an average of 3.65 in all classics courses, completion of the fall CLASS-UA 295 Honors Thesis, and completion of the spring CLASS-UA 297 under the supervision of the student's chosen thesis supervisor. For more information, please consult the department's website.

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

Students should note that courses in modern Greek language do not count toward completion of this major. The courses to be counted toward the major must include either ancient Greek or Latin through the intermediate two level (CLASS-UA 10 Intermediate Greek: Homer or CLASS-UA 6 Intermediate Latin: Virgil, respectively, or the equivalent). 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 The Essay:	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-point courses ²		24
Electives		
Other Elective Credits		56
Total Credits		128

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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.

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Elementary I through Intermediate II in either Greek or Latin count as part of the 40 major credits.

See the course offerings website (<https://cas.nyu.edu/academic-programs/bulletin/departments-and-programs/department-of-classics/course-offerings.html>) for a list of course offerings in the Department of Classics.

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		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	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
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
Other Elective Credits	4
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Other Elective Credits	4
Credits	16
Total Credits	128

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.

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/>).