

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION AND HELLENIC STUDIES (BA)

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

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Program Description

Classics

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.

Hellenic Studies

The Alexander S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies provides students with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary understanding of the language, literature, history, and politics of Greece. Through a wide range of courses, students are exposed to a polyphony of viewpoints that help elucidate the historical and political experiences of Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern Greece; the ways in which Greece has borne its several pasts and translated them into the modern era; Greece and its relations to Western Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, and Mediterranean cultures; and the distinguished literary and artistic traditions of a country that many regard as the birthplace of Western civilization, even as these traditions exhibit their multicultural contexts.

The Arts and Science summer program in Athens combines classroom study of the language, history, and culture of Greece with extracurricular activities and excursions that introduce students to all aspects of Greek life. The program offers a wide range of courses on such subjects as the Greek language, Greek literature and photography, Greek drama, Greek political history, the city of Athens, and the archaeology of Greece. Classes are held at our new facility in Athens, conveniently located in Kolonaki neighborhood and the historical center of Athens. Activities include walking tours of Athens, visits to monuments and museums, and evening outings to dramatic and musical performances. Weekend

excursions include trips to several Greek islands and to important historical and archaeological sites. Relevant courses taken in this summer program count toward the major or minor as regular courses.

Honors Program

Departmental honors in the joint major in Classical Civilization and Hellenic Studies 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 (40 credits) completed with a grade of C or better (courses graded Pass/Fail do not count) as outlined below. Students choose either Track A or Track B.

Track A

Track A requires two years of college-level Ancient (not Modern) Greek through the Intermediate II level (CLASS-UA 10 Intermediate Greek: Homer; four courses/16 credits). Students also take two 4-credit courses from the Department of Classics' offerings in classical civilization and four 4-credit courses offered through the Alexander S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies. Students who place out of, or ahead in, the Ancient Greek sequence and take fewer than four language courses must take additional major electives in advanced language, classical civilization, and/or Hellenic Studies to complete ten courses and 40 credits. Students must complete at least two language courses in residence at NYU.

Track B

Track B requires two years of college-level Modern (not Ancient) Greek through the full Intermediate II level (HEL-UA 106 Intermediate Modern Greek II; four courses/16 credits). Students also take two 4-credit courses from the offerings of the Alexander S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies and four 4-credit courses from the Department of Classics' offerings in classical civilization. Students who place out of, or ahead

in, the Modern Greek sequence and take fewer than four language courses must take additional major electives in advanced language, classical civilization, and/or Hellenic Studies 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 one of the following tracks: ²		24
<i>Track A</i>		
Ancient Greek courses (four courses)		
Classical Civilization courses (two courses)		
Hellenic Studies courses (four courses)		
<i>Track B</i>		
Modern Greek courses (four courses)		
Hellenic Studies courses (two courses)		
Classical Civilization courses (four courses)		
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 Ancient Greek or Modern Greek counts as part of the 40 major credits. Those four 4-credit courses (16 credits) also satisfy the general education foreign language requirement (above in this table), so here they are not listed again for the major requirements.

Graduate Courses Open to Undergraduates

Courses in classics offered in the Graduate School of Arts and Science are open to all undergraduates who have reached the required advanced level of Greek or Latin language instruction.

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 7 or HEL-UA 103	Elementary Greek I or Elementary Modern Greek I	4
CORE-UA 400	Texts & Ideas: Topics	4
First-Year Seminar		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16

2nd Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 8 or HEL-UA 104	Elementary Greek II or Elementary Modern Greek II	4
CORE-UA 500	Cultures & Contexts: Topics	4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 9 or HEL-UA 105	Intermediate Greek: Plato or Intermediate Modern Greek I	4
Major Elective (1 of 6)		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 10 or HEL-UA 106	Intermediate Greek: Homer or Intermediate Modern Greek II	4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Major Elective (2 of 6)		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (3 of 6)		4
Physical Science		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (4 of 6)		4
Life Science		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (5 of 6)		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
Major Elective (6 of 6)		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		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 Ancient or Modern Greek sufficient to commence reading advanced texts under guidance.
2. Knowledge of different genres of Greek literature.
3. Knowledge of different aspects of Greek antiquity, such as its literature, history, archaeology, and philosophy.

Policies

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/>).