

CLASSICS AND ART HISTORY (BA)

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

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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.

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 \(https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html\)](https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html).

Program Requirements

This interdepartmental major requires two years of college-level ancient Greek or Latin or the equivalent, and six 4-credit courses in classical archaeology or art history (ARTH-UA 102, ARTH-UA 103 Roman Art, plus four others selected from applicable courses, including those in Egyptian and Near Eastern art). This is a flexible major designed to accommodate special interests and requirements. Advanced-level courses in practical archaeology may be taken for credit.

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	
ARTH-UA 102	4
ARTH-UA 103	Roman Art 4
Select four additional 4-credit courses in Classical Archaeology or Art History ²	16
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.

2

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

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 3	Elementary Latin I	4
CORE-UA 400	Texts & Ideas:	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
First-Year Seminar		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 4		4
CORE-UA 500	Cultures & Contexts: Topics	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
ARTH-UA 102		4
Physical Science		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
CLASS-UA 6	Intermediate Latin: Virgil	4
ARTH-UA 103	Roman Art	4
Life Science		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #1 of 4		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #2 of 4		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #3 of 4		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #4 of 4		4

Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
7th Semester/Term	
Degree Electives	16
Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
Degree Electives	16
Credits	16
Total Credits	128

Learning Outcomes

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

1. An understanding of the basic principles of classical archaeology.
2. Knowledge of different aspects of ancient material culture.
3. A level of proficiency in either Latin or Greek sufficient to commence reading advanced texts under guidance.
4. Knowledge of different genres of Greek or Latin literature.

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/>).