

# CLASSICS AND ART HISTORY (BA)

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

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## Program Description

### Art History

Once described by *New York Times* art critic John Russell as the best undergraduate department of art history in the country, the art history program at NYU was established to provide a rigorous and wide-ranging education in the many facets of the history and theory of art, a mission that its faculty continues to enthusiastically embrace. Students become familiar with global art from antiquity to the present. The department offers courses in ancient, medieval, Renaissance, baroque, modern, contemporary, East Asian, South Asian, Islamic, Latin American, African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and Native American art, treating not only painting, sculpture, architecture, and photography but also graphic media, manuscript illumination, the decorative arts, and aspects of urban design. The department is one of the few undergraduate programs in the country with extensive offerings in conservation and museology and also publishes its own student journal (*Ink & Image*). A myriad of museums, galleries, and local architectural sites make New York City the ideal place in which to study the visual arts on site and in the flesh. Beyond New York, art history courses are offered at NYU's study away sites, such as Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, London, Madrid, Paris, and Prague.

### 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.

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 joint major in Classics and Art History 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 interdepartmental 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 (four semesters/16 credits through Intermediate II) or the equivalent; four 4-credit courses (16 credits) in classical art and archaeology; and two other 4-credit courses (8 credits) selected from applicable offerings, including courses 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. 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, ancient art and archaeology, and/or classical civilization to complete ten courses and 40 credits.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
Foreign Language <sup>1</sup>		16
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
Select six 4-credit courses in classical art and archaeology as approved by the program adviser <sup>2</sup>		24
<b>Electives</b>		
Other Elective Credits		56
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

- <sup>2</sup> 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
<b>1st Semester/Term</b>		
CLASS-UA 3	Elementary Latin I	4
CORE-UA 400	Texts & Ideas: Topics	4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
First-Year Seminar		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd Semester/Term</b>		
CLASS-UA 4	Elementary Latin II	4
CORE-UA 500	Cultures & Contexts: Topics	4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing as Inquiry	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd Semester/Term</b>		
CLASS-UA 5	Intermediate Latin: Cicero	4
Physical Science		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #1 of 6		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>4th Semester/Term</b>		
CLASS-UA 6	Intermediate Latin: Virgil	4
Life Science		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #2 of 6		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>5th Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #3 of 6		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #4 of 6		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>6th Semester/Term</b>		
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #5 of 6		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #6 of 6		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>7th Semester/Term</b>		
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>8th Semester/Term</b>		
Degree Electives		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
Degree Elective		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>128</b>

## 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

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#### 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/>).