

CLASSICS AND ART HISTORY (BA)

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

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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.

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 two years of college-level ancient Greek or Latin (16 credits) or the equivalent; six 4-credit courses (24 credits) in classical art history and archaeology; and four other 4-credit courses (16 credits) 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 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		
Select six 4-credit courses in Classical Art History and Archaeology as approved by the program adviser 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 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	Elementary Latin II	4
CORE-UA 500	Cultures & Contexts: Topics	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
Physical Science		4
Major Elective in Classical Archaeology or Ancient Art History #1 of 6		4
Degree Elective		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
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
Credits	16
5th Semester/Term	
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
Credits	16
6th Semester/Term	
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
Credits	16
7th Semester/Term	
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Degree Elective	4
Credits	16
8th Semester/Term	
Degree Electives	4
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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

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/>).