Classical Languages, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in classical languages requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 36 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences General Education Program. Transfer credit is evaluated individually.

The major trains students to read the ancient Greek and/or Latin languages and acquaints them with the major works of Greek and/or Roman literature. Classical languages students learn about the history of ancient Greece of the eighth through the fourth centuries B.C.E., where most of the modern Western notions of political, artistic, and social life are rooted. They also develop an understanding of the Roman Republic and Empire (3 B.C.E. through 5 C.E.), when Rome established its hegemony over the Mediterranean basin, laid the foundation of law for the Western World, and spread Greece's culture to the West, and of the fall of the Empire and the rise of Medieval civilization from the sixth through the ninth centuries C.E.

In addition to completing required course work, students maintain a required portfolio detailing their progress toward the major, which they must complete before graduation; see "Major Portfolio" below.

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### Required Courses

All of these:

- Intermediate or advanced Greek and/or Latin courses numbered CLSG:2001 through CLSL:4999 18
- Greek or Latin prose composition (CLSG:4076 or CLSL:3176) 3
- Additional classics courses at any level, including a maximum of 9 s.h. in classics in English courses (prefix CLSA) 15

The following advanced undergraduate Greek courses are offered every other year and may be repeated or taken in any sequence. They cover a range of Latin prose and poetry in historical context from the mid-republic to the third century C.E.

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### Major Portfolio

To comply with the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, policy on student outcomes assessment, the Department of Classics has established a method to assess the achievement level of B.A. students completing one of the department's majors. Students must maintain a portfolio that details their progress in attaining the objectives of their major. Students must register for and complete the following course.

| CLSA:3982 | Graduation Portfolio 0 |

Students submit the portfolio to the undergraduate advisor by midterm of the semester in which they intend to graduate. Formal approval of the portfolio is required for graduation. Consult the undergraduate advisor for details.

### B.A. with Teacher Licensure

Students who are interested in earning licensure to teach in elementary and/or secondary schools must complete the College of Education's Teacher Education Program (TEP) in addition to the requirements for their major and all requirements for graduation. The TEP requires several College of Education courses and student teaching. Contact the Office of Student Services for details.

Students must satisfy all degree requirements and complete Teacher Education Program licensure before degree conferral.

### Honors

#### Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Departmental honors students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 3.50 in their first three years of classics courses. To graduate with honors in the major, they must complete two courses in honors readings during their final year, one each semester of the year, earning 3 s.h. of credit for each course. The readings and discussions must be on an ancient author or a field in ancient history or literature chosen by a student and the instructor. At the end of the second semester, the student presents a substantial research project that has been approved by the department. The project is evaluated for honors by two members of the department. Students who write an honors thesis in classical languages must be enrolled at the same time in the appropriate advanced language courses.
University of Iowa Honors Program

In addition to honors in the major, students have opportunities for honors study and activities through membership in the University of Iowa Honors Program. Visit Honors at Iowa to learn about the University’s honors program.

Membership in the UI Honors Program is not required to earn honors in the classical languages major.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Classical Languages—Greek and Latin


Before the seventh semester begins: sixth semester of Latin and fourth semester of Greek, or sixth semester of Greek and fourth semester of Latin; two more courses in the major; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree

Before the eighth semester begins: at least two or three more courses in the major

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining course work in the major, all remaining General Education courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate

Sample Plans of Study

Classical Languages (B.A.)

Greek and Latin

Course | Title | Hours
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First Year | | |
Fall | | |
CLSL:1001 | Elementary Latin I (also GE: World Languages) | 5
RHET:1030 | Rhetoric (GE: Rhetoric or other General Education course) | 4
GE: Social Sciences | | 3
Elective course | | 1
CSI:1600 | Success at Iowa | 2
| Hours | 15
Spring | | |
CLSL:1002 | Elementary Latin II (also GE: World Languages) | 5
ENGL:1200 | The Interpretation of Literature (GE: Interpretation of Literature) | 3
GE: Diversity and Inclusion | | 3
GE: Values and Culture | | 3
Elective course | | 1
| Hours | 15
Second Year | | |
Fall | | |
CLSG:1001 | Classical and New Testament Greek I | 5
CLSL:2001 | World of Cicero (also GE: World Languages) | 3
GE: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts | | 3
Elective course | | 3
Elective course | | 1
| Hours | 15
Spring | | |
CLSG:1002 | Classical and New Testament Greek II | 5
CLSL:2002 | Golden Age of Roman Poetry | 3
GE: International and Global Issues | | 3
Elective course | | 3
Elective course | | 1
| Hours | 15
Third Year | | |
Fall | | |
CLSG:2001 | Second-Year Greek I | 3
Major: advanced Latin course | | 3
GE: Historical Perspectives 3  
GE: Natural Sciences without a lab 3  
Elective course 3  

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### Fourth Year

#### Fall

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GE: Natural Sciences with a lab 4  
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Career Advancement

The University of Iowa’s classics program is recognized for the excellent preparation it offers for graduate study in classics. A large proportion of its students pursue advanced degrees. They are admitted to the finest public and private university programs in the country, many with full financial support.

Students who major in classical languages and complete the College of Education’s Teacher Education Program may be able to find secondary school teaching positions quickly, due to a nationwide shortage of Latin teachers.

Bachelor of Arts graduates have gone on to become secondary or university teachers, librarians, museum curators, and bankers. The study of Latin and Greek also prepares students for study of law and medicine; classics graduates regularly enter these fields. Others go on to complete advanced work in library and information science, museum studies, religious studies, history, archaeology, or business.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.