

Classical Languages, BA

The Bachelor of Arts in classical languages cultivates and hones students' skills in ancient Greek and/or Latin. Students may study a wide variety of linguistic and cultural aspects of the ancient civilizations of Greece, Rome, the eastern Mediterranean, Mesopotamia, and Egypt from 3000 B.C.E. to 800 C.E.

Learning Outcomes

Students are expected to demonstrate:

- the ability to read the ancient Greek and/or Latin languages at an intermediate to advanced level;
- knowledge of major literary works and written sources of the ancient Mediterranean world;
- transferable linguistic and analytic skills by studying the ancient languages that stand behind the vocabulary and structure of English and the Romance languages; and
- understanding of the impact that the political, intellectual, and social environments of the people from the ancient Mediterranean have on modern cultures.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in classical languages requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 30 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a grade-point average of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They must also complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core. 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 the required coursework, students maintain a required portfolio detailing their progress toward the major, which they must complete before graduation; see "Major Portfolio" below.

A maximum of 9 s.h. of coursework used to satisfy requirements for the BA in ancient civilization may be applied toward this major. A maximum of 3 s.h. of coursework used to satisfy requirements for the minor in ancient civilization may be applied toward this major. Students cannot pursue a minor in Latin or Greek while simultaneously enrolled as a classical languages major.

Students majoring only in classical languages may count a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in classics courses toward the degree. BA students who are graduating with a double major in the department (classical languages and ancient civilization) may apply more than 56 s.h. from the Department

of Classics toward their degree, but they must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside the Department of Classics in order to graduate.

The BA with a major in classical languages requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Required Courses	30
Major Portfolio	

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
Intermediate or advanced Greek (prefix CLSG) and/or Latin (prefix CLSL) courses numbered 2001-4999		15
Additional classics courses at any level with the prefix CLSA, CLSG, or CLSL, and any courses cross-referenced with prefix CLSA, CLSL, or CLSG		15

The following advanced undergraduate Greek courses are offered every other year and may be repeated or taken in any sequence. They cover a broad range of prose and poetry in historical context.

Course #	Title	Hours
CLSG:3001	Archaic and Classical Periods I	3
CLSG:3002	Archaic and Classical Periods II	1-3
CLSG:3003/ RELS:3003	Classical and Hellenistic Periods I	3
CLSG:3004	Classical and Hellenistic Periods II	3

The following advanced undergraduate Latin 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.

Course #	Title	Hours
CLSL:3001	Latin Literature of the Republic I	3
CLSL:3002	Latin Literature of the Republic II	3
CLSL:3003	Latin Literature of the Empire I	3
CLSL:3004	Latin Literature of the Empire II	3

Major Portfolio

To comply with the Iowa Board of Regents policy on student outcomes assessment, the Department of Classics has established a method to assess the achievement level of 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.

Course #	Title	Hours
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.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Apply on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

Honors

Honors in the Major

Students have the opportunity to graduate with honors in the major. Honors in the major students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.33 in their first three years of classics courses. Additionally, a minimum UI cumulative GPA of 3.33 at the start of the first semester of the honors in the major program and at the time of graduation is required.

Students also must complete two consecutive courses in honors reading, earning 3 s.h. of credit for each course. Honors work may be done in a student's fourth year, or spring of the third year and fall of the fourth year. The readings and discussions must be on an ancient author or a field in ancient history or literature chosen by the student and the instructor. At the end of the second semester of honors work, the student presents a substantial research project, which 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.

Career Advancement

The University of Iowa's classical languages major 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.

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 the study of law and medicine; classical languages 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.

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 third semester begins: CLSG:1001 Classical and New Testament Greek I or CLSL:1001 Elementary Latin I.

Before the fifth semester begins: CLSG:1002 Classical and New Testament Greek II and CLSL:1002 Elementary Latin II.

Before the seventh semester begins: CLSG:2001 Second-Year Greek I, and CLSL:2001 World of Cicero or CLSL:2002 Golden Age of Roman Poetry or CLSG:2002 Second-Year Greek II, and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 6 s.h. of courses numbered 3000 and above with the prefix CLSG or CLSL.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Classical Languages—Greek Only

Before the third semester begins: CLSG:1001 Classical and New Testament Greek I and CLSG:1002 Classical and New Testament Greek II.

Before the fifth semester begins: CLSG:2001 Second-Year Greek I and CLSG:2002 Second-Year Greek II.

Before the seventh semester begins: two courses numbered 3000 and above with prefix CLSG and at least one additional course with the prefix CLSA at any level.

Before the eighth semester begins: either one advanced course numbered 3000 and above with prefix CLSG or one additional course with the prefix CLSA; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Classical Languages—Latin Only

Before the third semester begins: CLSL:1001 Elementary Latin I and CLSL:1002 Elementary Latin II.

Before the fifth semester begins: CLSL:2001 World of Cicero and CLSL:2002 Golden Age of Roman Poetry.

Before the seventh semester begins: two courses numbered 3000 and above with prefix CLSL and at least one additional course with the prefix CLSA at any level; and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: either one course numbered 3000 and above with prefix CLSG or one additional course with the prefix CLSA.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Greek and Latin

This sample plan is currently being reviewed and will be added at a later date.