

Ancient Civilization, BA

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in ancient civilization 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.

The major concentrates on the ancient civilization of the Mediterranean world and draws on courses offered by various university departments. This is a flexible major that allows students to concentrate their study in areas such as religion, history, archaeology, Egypt, or the eastern Mediterranean.

The major is sponsored by the School of Art, Art History, and Design and the departments of Classics, History, and Religious Studies (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences).

Students choose courses in consultation with their advisors. They must earn at least 9 s.h. in advanced courses, which may include classics in English courses numbered 3000 or above, Greek language courses numbered 2000 or above, and Latin language courses numbered 2000 and above. Transfer credit is evaluated individually.

In addition to completing 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 classical languages may be applied toward this major. A maximum of 3 s.h. of coursework used to satisfy requirements for another minor in the Department of Classics (classical languages, Latin, and/or Greek) may be applied toward this major.

Students majoring only in ancient civilization 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 (ancient civilization and classical languages) 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.

A course used to satisfy a requirement in one area cannot be used to satisfy a requirement in another area.

The BA with a major in ancient civilization requires the following coursework.

Requirements	Hours
Ancient Art and Archaeology Courses	3
Ancient History and Society Courses	3
Ancient Language and Literature Courses	3
Ancient Philosophy and Religion Courses	3
Additional Courses	18
Major Portfolio	

Ancient Art and Archaeology

More than half of each course is devoted to the study of ancient art or archaeology from the geographical limits

identified as relevant by the Department of Classics.

Sculpture, pottery, architecture, and/or physical remains of an ancient culture are covered in these courses.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these:		
CLSA:2127/ ASIA:2127/ JPNS:2127	Books of the Silk Roads	3
CLSA:2144/ HIST:2444	Engineering and Technology in the Ancient World	3
CLSA:2226/ ARTH:2320	Ancient Art From the Great Pyramids of Egypt to the Colosseum in Rome	3
CLSA:2330/ ARTH:2330	Ancient Egyptian, Mesopotamian, and Persian Art	3
CLSA:2340/ ARTH:2340	The Power of Art in Greece and Rome	3
CLSA:2444/ RELS:2444	Cities of the Bible	3
CLSA:2489/ RELS:2289	Jerusalem: The Holy City	3
CLSA:3232/ ARTH:3350	Art of Early Rome: Patrons and Politics	3
CLSA:3235/ ANTH:3276	Greek Archaeology	3
CLSA:3227/ ARTH:3330	Classical Greek Art	3
CLSA:3233/ ARTH:3360	Art of the Ancient Roman Empire	3
CLSA:3234/ ARTH:3370	Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii	3
CLSA:3240/ ANTH:3277	Roman Archaeology	3
CLSA:3250/ ARTH:3340	Greek Vase Painting	3
CLSA:3596/ ANTH:3275	Egyptian Archaeology	3
CLSA:3821/ ANTH:3821/ HIST:3403	City of Athens: Bronze Age to Roman World	3
ABRD:3165	Archaeological Field Work Abroad	arr.
ANTH:1201	World Archaeology	3
ANTH:3237/ HIST:3137/ MUSM:3237	Politics of the Archaeological Past	3
ANTH:3239	The Archaeology of the First Europeans	3
ANTH:3278	Archaeology of Ancient Cities	3
ARTH:1030	Themes in Global Art	3
ARTH:1050	From Cave Paintings to Cathedrals: Survey of Western Art I	3
ARTH:3010/ MUSM:3010	Fakes, Frauds, and Forgeries: The Dark Side of Art History	3
ARTH:3320/ RELS:3704	Egyptian Art	3

ARTH:3325	Kings, Gods, and Heroes: Art of Ancient Mesopotamia and Persia	3
ARTH:3375/ RELS:3375	The Great Collision	3

Ancient History and Society

More than half of each course is devoted to the chronological changes of a topic (not one that is purely art historical in nature, like sculpture or pottery) in the geographical limits identified as relevant by the Department of Classics. Each course places the topic in its proper historical context.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these:		
CLSA:1181/ GHS:1181	Ancient Medicine	3
CLSA:1830	Greek Civilization	3
CLSA:1840	Roman Civilization	3
CLSA:1875	Ancient Sports and Leisure	3
CLSA:2144/ HIST:2444	Engineering and Technology in the Ancient World	3
CLSA:2151/ HIST:2431	Roman Law, Order, and Crime	3
CLSA:2461/ HIST:2461/ RELS:2361	Middle East and Mediterranean: Alexander to Suleiman	3
CLSA:2651/ GWSS:2651	Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient World	3
CLSA:2800	Race and Ethnicity in the Ancient Mediterranean World	3
CLSA:3105/ GHS:3105/ GWSS:3105/ WLLC:3105	Contraception Across Time and Cultures	3
CLSA:3148/ HIST:3448	Barbarians and the Fall of Rome	3
CLSA:3401/ HIST:3401	Ancient Egypt and the Ancient Near East	3
CLSA:3404/ HIST:3404	The World of Ancient Greece	3
CLSA:3821/ ANTH:3821/ HIST:3403	City of Athens: Bronze Age to Roman World	3
CLSA:3836/ ANTH:3204/ HIST:3436	Food in Ancient Mediterranean Society	3
CLSA:4106/ HIST:4406	Warfare in Ancient Mediterranean Society	3
CLSA:4400/ HIST:4400	The Roman Empire	3
CLSA:4403/ HIST:4403	Alexander the Great	3
HIST:1401	The West and the World: Ancient	3
HIST:4407	The Hellenistic World and Rome	3

Ancient Language and Literature

More than half of each course is devoted to the study of literature in translation or ancient language translation skills

from the geographical limits identified as relevant by the Department of Classics.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these:		
CLSA:1010	Hero, God, Mortal: Literature of Greece	3
CLSA:1020	Love and Glory: The Literature of Rome	3
CLSA:1200	Interpretation of Ancient Literature	3
CLSA:1740/ WRIT:1740	Writing Strategies: Word Origins and Word Choice	3
CLSA:1805	Legends and Heroes of Ancient Rome	1
CLSA:2016	Classical Mythology	3
CLSA:2048/ ANTH:2248/ ASIA:2248/ COMM:2248/ GRMN:2248/ HIST:2148/IS:2248/ LING:2248/ TRNS:2248/ WLLC:2248	The Invention of Writing: From Cuneiform to Computers	3
CLSA:2910	Egyptian Hieroglyphs	3
CLSA:3016	Myth Makers of the Classical World	3
CLSA:3288/ ENGL:3288	Shakespeare's Romans: The Ancient World Meets the Elizabethan Stage	arr.
CLSA:3445/ RELS:3245	Mythology of Otherworldly Journeys	3
CLSA:3742/ WRIT:3742	Word Power: Building English Vocabulary	3
CLSA:3750	Medical and Technical Terminology	2
CLSA:3979/ ENGL:3850/ TRNS:3179	Undergraduate Translation Workshop	3
CLSA:3980	Teaching in the Classics	1,3
CLSA:4901/ RELS:4001	Biblical Hebrew I	3-4
CLSA:4902/ RELS:4002	Biblical Hebrew II	3
CLSA:4911	Coptic I	3
CLSA:4912	Coptic II	3
CLSA:5903/ RELS:5001	Biblical Aramaic	3
CLSA:5904/ RELS:5002	Targumic Aramaic	3
ARAB:2001	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic I	5
ARAB:2002	Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic II	5
ARAB:3011	Advanced Modern Standard Arabic I	3
CLSL:3200/ CLSG:3200/ TRNS:3205	Literary Translation Workshop in Ancient Greek and Latin	3
ENGL:2206	Classical and Biblical Literature	3

Ancient Greek courses (prefix CLSG)

Latin courses (prefix CLSL)

Ancient Philosophy and Religion

More than half of each course is devoted to the study of ancient religion, belief systems, or philosophy from the geographical limits identified as relevant by the Department of Classics.

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 3 s.h. from these:		
CLSA:1340	Magic in the Ancient World	3
CLSA:1415	Ancient Origins of Religious Conflict	3
CLSA:1454	Hebrew Bible for Everyone	3
CLSA:1455	New Testament for Everyone	3
CLSA:2016	Classical Mythology	3
CLSA:2444/ RELS:2444	Cities of the Bible	3
CLSA:2461/ HIST:2461/ RELS:2361	Middle East and Mediterranean: Alexander to Suleiman	3
CLSA:2489/ RELS:2289	Jerusalem: The Holy City	3
CLSA:2482/ RELS:2182	Ancient Mediterranean Religions	3
CLSA:3247/ RELS:3247	Banned From the Bible: Pseudepigrapha and Apocrypha	3
CLSA:3416/ RELS:3716	Greek Religion and Society	3
CLSA:3443/ RELS:3243	Pagans and Christians: The Church From Jesus to Muhammad	3
CLSA:3445/ RELS:3245	Mythology of Otherworldly Journeys	3
CLSA:3514	Roman Religion and Society	3
CLSA:3666	Angels and Demons	3
CLSA:4452/ RELS:4352	The Dead Sea Scrolls	3
ENGL:2206	Classical and Biblical Literature	3
PHIL:2111	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHIL:4152	Plato	3
PHIL:4153	Aristotle	3
RELS:1001	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	3
RELS:1070	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	3
RELS:1080	Introduction to the New Testament	3

Additional Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
At least 18 s.h. from these:		
CLSA:1809	Ancient World on the Modern Screen	3
CLSA:1910	Ancient and Modern Worlds: Common Problems	3
CLSA:3020/ GHS:3021	Mental Health in the Ancient World	3

CLSA:3920	Video Games and the Ancient World	3
RELS:2272	Gods and Superheroes: Mythologies for a Modern World	3

Any courses in the Ancient Art and Archaeology, Ancient History and Society, Ancient Language and Literature, and Ancient Philosophy and Religion lists

Any course with the prefix CLSA, CLSG, or CLSL

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 their 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.