Classical Languages, B.A.

Learning Outcomes

The Department of Classics studies the ancient civilizations of Greece, Rome, the Near East, and Egypt from 3000 B.C.E. to about 800 C.E. Classical languages majors concentrate on learning ancient Greek, Latin, and/or Hebrew.

Classical languages majors:

• learn to read the ancient Greek, Latin, and/or Hebrew languages at an intermediate to advanced level;
• gain transferable linguistic and analytic skills by studying the ancient languages that stand behind the vocabulary and structure of English and the Romance languages;
• gain knowledge of major literary works and written sources of the ancient Mediterranean world;
• learn about the political, intellectual, and social lives of the people from the ancient Mediterranean that became the foundations for Western culture; and
• become acquainted with the physical world in which those people lived through the study of art and archaeology.

Students maintain a required portfolio that details their progress toward the major, see "Major Portfolio" under Requirements [p.] in this section of the Catalog.