
Bachelor of Arts in Classics

PLEASE NOTE: In 2015-16 the Department thoroughly revised the curriculum of the program in Classics. Students with a catalog year of 2016-17 and after should follow the revised curriculum as detailed below.

Classics is the study of ancient Greece and Rome, which stand among the world's most exciting, important, and influential civilizations.

GVSU's program in Classics spans the many different aspects of the Greek and Roman world—its languages and literatures, its art and archaeology, its history, its religious and philosophical traditions, its social and legal forms—from the Bronze Age to the period of the late Roman Empire and early Christianity.

For students who pursue a major or minor in the field, Classics provides a broad and solid liberal arts education that will be useful in many careers and vital to the development of their full human capacity.

For students in other disciplines, Classics offers a valuable opportunity to investigate at first hand the works and traditions that have provided much of the intellectual background of their own chosen fields. Many find that working with the classical languages improves their grasp of English and their skills as readers and writers.

Classics courses share an emphasis on encountering the classical world through primary sources, both textual and material. Complementing this emphasis is the study of the living tradition that has shaped—and continues to shape—the ways in which we understand our world today.

Ancient Greek and Latin

Training in the classical languages represents the kind of serious mental rigor and discipline that is an excellent training for a variety of careers.

Greek is the language of Homer and Sappho, of Aeschylus and Aristophanes, of Herodotus and Thucydides, of Plato and Aristotle, and (in its koine or "common" form) of the Christian New Testament.

Latin was the language of ancient Rome. Even after the Roman Empire collapsed, Latin continued as the language of literature, science, philosophy, medicine, law, and religion for over a thousand years: John Milton, Isaac Newton, Baruch Spinoza, and Thomas Aquinas all wrote in the same language as Cicero, Virgil, Caesar, and Plautus.

Career Options

Classics students:

- Profit from a practical education that offers valuable pre-professional training and marketable job skills.
- Acquire and refine analytical and communications skills that make them better able to approach any problem creatively and successfully.
- Distinguish themselves as scholars, work on archaeological excavations, participate in cultural events, demonstrate leadership and committed citizenship, and travel and study abroad.
- Develop the study habits and work ethic needed for success in demanding graduate and professional programs and in real-world careers.

GVSU Classics graduates have gone on to careers as varied as:

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| ▪ Public service and nonprofit administration | ▪ Information technology |
| ▪ Teaching | ▪ Business |
| ▪ Law | ▪ Library and museum work |
| ▪ The ministry | ▪ Writing and publishing |

Requirements for a Major in Classics

Students majoring in Classics are required to complete at least 30 credits. They must satisfy the cultural core and language core requirements and select one of three emphases: classical languages, classical studies, or Latin secondary education.

Core Requirements

6-9 credits: 6 in Cultural Core and 0-3 in Language Core beyond fulfillment of the Bachelor of Arts Cognate Requirement.

Cultural Core Requirement (including Capstone):

Students majoring in Classics complete 6 credits of instruction in a sequence of courses intended to introduce them to the interdisciplinary dimension of Classics and to provide detailed instruction in selected methods of inquiry and particular aspects of Greco-Roman civilization.

All Classics majors take:

- CLA 195 - Introduction to Ancient Greece and Rome Credits: 1 ordinarily by the end of their sophomore year
- CLA 395 - Research Methods in Classics Credits: 2 ordinarily by the end of their junior year
- CLA 495 - Notions of the Classics (Capstone) Credits: 3 during their senior year.

Language Core Requirement:

Students majoring in Classics complete Intermediate language study in either ancient Greek or Latin, typically by taking GRK 202 – Intermediate Ancient Greek II Credits: 3 or LAT 202 – Intermediate Latin II Credits: 3.

Those commencing language study typically fulfill the Bachelor of Arts Cognate Requirement through three semesters of study in GRK/LAT 101-102-201 (12 credits).

Others may satisfy these requirements through language placement administered by the Department of Classics; they must nevertheless complete the 30-credit minimum through additional coursework in the major.

Emphases

Classical Languages Emphasis

Minimum of 21 credits beyond completion of the Core requirements.

The classical languages emphasis offers a course of undergraduate study in Classics that stresses the languages and literature of the classical world. Students electing the classical languages emphasis ordinarily study one language (either ancient Greek or Latin) to an advanced level and the other language to at least the intermediate level.

Requirements in addition to the Core requirements:

- At least 18 credits of instruction in ancient Greek (GRK) and Latin (LAT), including at least 6 credits in one language at the 300 level or above.
- At least 3 credits of instruction in any course in Classics (CLA), in HNR 222 - Classical World II Credits: 3, or in an approved substitute.

Classical Studies Emphasis

Minimum of 21 credits beyond completion of the Core requirements.

The classical studies emphasis offers a course of undergraduate study in Classics that investigates Greco-Roman civilization from a range of perspectives and subject areas. Students electing the classical studies emphasis select courses at an advanced level across the program curriculum.

Requirements in addition to the Core requirements:

- At least 15 credits of instruction at the 300 level or above in at least two of the following areas.
 - Archaeology:
 - CLA 350 - Issues in Classical Archaeology Credits: 3. Prerequisite: CLA 250 or HNR 221/222.
 - Cultural Studies:
 - CLA 301 - Re-imagining the Classics Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Junior Standing.
 - CLA 302 - The Stages of Greek and Roman Drama Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Junior Standing.
 - CLA/PHI 311 - Ancient Great Philosophers Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Prior work in philosophy, Classics, or permission of instructor.
 - CLA 315 - Ancient Religion Credits: 3. Prerequisite: WRT 150.
 - CLA/WGS 325 - Body, Gender, Sexuality in Antiquity Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Junior standing.
 - CLA 365 - Stoicism, Identity, and the Happy Life Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Junior standing.
 - CLA 367 - Thinking Like a (Roman) Lawyer Credits: 3. Prerequisite: Junior standing.
 - Ancient Greek (GRK) or Latin (LAT) at the 300 level or above.
- At least 6 credits of instruction in any courses in Classics (CLA), in HNR 221 – Classical World II Credits: 3 and HNR 222 - Classical World II Credits: 3, or in an approved substitute.

Latin Secondary Education Emphasis

Minimum of 21 credits beyond completion of the Core requirements.

The Latin secondary education emphasis offers prospective Latin teachers preparation in Latin comprehension and instruction and in classical civilization at a level consistent with state and national norms. These students work within both the Department of Classics and the College of Education.

While the College of Education is ultimately responsible for overseeing the certification process for students, the Department of Classics is responsible for overseeing the major and for recommending qualified students for admission to the College of Education.

Students with a baccalaureate degree and a major in Classics from another institution can be certified to teach by earning at least three credits of instruction in Latin in the Classics department and completing the professional education requirements of the College of Education. The required courses in Latin must be approved by the department chair or designee.

Requirements in addition to the Core requirements:

- At least 18 credits of instruction in Latin (LAT) at the 300 level or above, 3 of which must be LAT 353 - Latin Prose Composition Credits: 3.
- At least 3 credits of instruction in any course in Classics (CLA), in HNR 222 - Classical World II Credits: 3, or in an approved substitute.

Suggested Order of Coursework for a Major in Classics (B.A.)

The Classics major is designed to be flexible. Declaring Classics as a double major or a minor is an effective way of enhancing one's transcript and drawing the attention of employers and postgraduate programs. In order to ensure timely progress toward graduation, commencing study in either ancient Greek or Latin at an early stage is key.

Prospective majors are encouraged to contact the Department of Classics in order to receive individualized advising. The following is merely a suggestion. Consult your advisor about completing basic skills and general education requirements.

First Year:

- GRK 101 or LAT 101 (4 credits)
- CLA 101 Greek and Roman Mythology (3 credits; general education Philosophy and Literature foundation)
- (Honors students): HNR 211/212 Classical World (6 credits; alternative general education curriculum)
- WRT 150 (3 credits; if required)
- CLA 195 (1 credit)
- GRK 102 or LAT 102 (4 credits)
- CLA 121 Greek Civilization and/or CLA 131 Roman Civilization (3 credits; general education Historical Perspectives foundation)
- (Honors students): HNR 221/222 Classical World II (6 credits; alternative general education curriculum; prerequisite for CLA 350)

Second Year:

- Continue second year of language study: GRK 201 (4 credits) and 202 (3 credits) - or - LAT 201 (4 credits) and 202 (3 credits - fulfills B.A. cognate and general education World Perspectives requirements; fulfills Language Core Requirement)
- Classical languages emphasis: commence first year of study in the second classical language
- CLA 201 (3 credits; general education Philosophy and Literature foundation; Supplemental Writing Skills [SWS])
- CLA 250 (3 credits; general education Arts foundation; prerequisite for CLA 350)

Third Year:

- Classics majors are strongly encouraged to consider spending a semester or academic year in a study abroad program
- CLA 395 (2 credits)
- (Honors students): many CLA 300+ courses are cross-listed as Honors junior seminars
- Classical languages emphasis: continue third year of language study (GRK 300+ or LAT 300+); continue second year of study in the second classical language
- Classical studies emphasis: select elective courses (CLA 300+; 3 credits; many fulfill general education Issues requirements and other requirements)

Fourth Year:

- Classics majors are strongly encouraged to explore opportunities for undergraduate research projects
- Complete CLA 495 Classics Capstone (3 credits)
- Classical languages emphasis, or majors contemplating postgraduate study in Classics: continue language study (GRK 300+/400+ or LAT 300+/400+; 3 credits)
- Classical studies emphasis: select elective courses (CLA 300+; 3 credits; many fulfill general education Issues requirements and other requirements)
- (Honors students): Senior project

Contacting the Department of Classics

The Department of Classics is a unit of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and participates in the interdepartmental Minor in Archaeology. Classics faculty hold joint appointments in the Meijer Honors College and contribute to other programs.

The Department offers a complete preparation for students seeking a wide range of post-graduate and career opportunities. Yet it remains small enough to allow our faculty to get to know all of our students individually and to work with them closely.

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CLASSICS-BA

MINIMUM 30 CREDITS: MAJORS MUST SATISFY CULTURAL CORE AND LANGUAGE CORE AND SELECT AN EMPHASIS

EMPHASIS OPTIONS: CLASSICAL LANGUAGES, CLASSICAL STUDIES, LATIN SECONDARY EDUCATION

THIS IS A **GENERAL** CURRICULUM GUIDE AND IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERY STUDENT. IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH YOUR ADVISOR.

Cultural Core Requirement (6 credits)

- **CLA 195 INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME (1 – Winter semester)**
- **CLA 395 RESEARCH METHODS IN CLASSICS (2 – Fall semester)**
- **CLA 495 CAPSTONE (3 – Winter semester)** Prerequisite: CLA 395; Senior Standing

Bachelor of Arts Degree Cognate Requirement

Completion of or placement out of either **GRK 201** or **LAT 201**.

Language Core Requirement (3 credits beyond BA Cognate Requirement)

Completion of or placement out of either **GRK 202** or **LAT 202**.

These requirements may be satisfied by completing the courses listed below or through language placement.

Those placed beyond GRK//LAT 202 must complete the 30-credit minimum through additional coursework.

For details on language placement, contact the Department of Classics: cladept@gvsu.edu.

- **GRK/LAT 101 Elementary Ancient Greek / Latin I (4 – Fall semester)**
- **GRK/LAT 102 Elementary Ancient Greek / Latin II (4 – Winter semester)** Prerequisite: GRK/LAT 101 or placement
- **GRK/LAT 201 Intermediate Ancient Greek / Latin I (4 – Fall semester)** Prerequisite: GRK/LAT 102 or placement
- **GRK/LAT 202 Intermediate Ancient Greek / Latin II (3 – Winter semester)** Prerequisite: GRK/LAT 201 or placement

Emphases: choose one (21 credits beyond fulfillment of Cultural Core and the Language Core)

Classical Languages Emphasis

Students electing the Classical Languages Emphasis study both ancient Greek and Latin.

- Requires 18 credits of instruction in ancient Greek and Latin beyond fulfillment of the Language Core Requirement, including at least 6 credits in either ancient Greek (**GRK**) or Latin (**LAT**) at the 300 level or above.
- Requires 3 credits of instruction in any course in Classics (**CLA**), in HNR 222 - Classical World II (3), or in an approved substitute.

Classical Studies Emphasis

Students electing the Classical Studies Emphasis study Greco-Roman civilization from a range of perspectives and subject areas.

- Requires at least 15 credits of instruction at the 300 level or above in at least two of the following areas:
 - Archaeology:
 - CLA 350 Issues in Classical Archaeology (3)** Prerequisite: CLA 250 or HNR 221/222
 - Cultural Studies:
 - CLA 301 Re-imagining the Classics (3)** Prerequisite: Junior Standing
 - CLA 302 The Stages of Greek and Roman Drama (3)** Prerequisite: Junior Standing
 - CLA/PHI 311 Ancient Great Philosophers (3)** Prerequisite: Prior work in philosophy, classics, or permission of instructor
 - CLA 315 Ancient Religion (3)** Prerequisite: WRT 150
 - CLA/WGS 325 Body, Gender, Sexuality in Antiquity (3)** Prerequisite: Junior standing
 - CLA 365 Stoicism, Identity, and the Happy Life (3)** Prerequisite: Junior standing
 - CLA 367 Thinking Like a (Roman) Lawyer (3)** Prerequisite: Junior standing
 - Ancient Greek (**GRK**) or Latin (**LAT**) at the 300 level or above.
- Requires 6 credits of instruction in any courses in Classics (**CLA**), in HNR 221 – Classical World II (3) and HNR 222 - Classical World II (3), or in an approved substitute.

Latin Secondary Education Emphasis

The Latin Secondary Education Emphasis offers prospective Latin teachers preparation at a level consistent with state and national norms. *Please see the College of Education requirements on reverse.*

- Requires 18 credits of instruction in Latin at the 300 level or above, 3 of which must be **LAT 353 Latin Prose Composition (3)**.
- Requires 3 credits of instruction in any course in Classics (**CLA**), in HNR 222 - Classical World II (3), or in an approved substitute.

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor and an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center regularly.

The CLAS Academic Advising Center is located in C-1-140 MAK, 616-331-8585.

Online at: <http://www.gvsu.edu/clasadvising>

College of Education Requirements- for Latin Secondary Education emphasis only

Teachable Minor

Students must successfully complete the requirements for a teachable minor in order to be admissible to the College of Education

Minor _____

Minor Options

Biology – Teaching	Chemistry – Teaching	Computer Science – Teaching	Earth Science – Teaching	Economics – Teaching
English – Teaching	French – Teaching	Geography – Teaching	German – Teaching	History – Teaching
Mathematics – Secondary Teaching	Physical Education – Teaching	Physics – Teaching	Political Science – Teaching	Psychology – Teaching
School Health Education	Spanish - Teaching			

Second Major in Education (39 credits)

Education Major Prerequisites (9 credits)

A 2.7 cumulative GPA in the Education Major Prerequisites is required with no grade lower than a C

— **EDF 315 Diverse Perspectives on Education (3)**

— **PSY 301 Child Development (3)**

— **EDI 337 Introduction to Learning and Assessment (3)**

Prerequisite: PSY 101

Teacher Assisting (17 credits)

Student Teaching (13 credits)

— **EDI 331 Teacher Assisting-Secondary (5)**

— **EDI 431 Student Teaching, Secondary (8)**

— **EDF 310 Organizing and Managing Classroom Environments (3)**

— **EDI 432 Student Teaching, Secondary Content (2)**

— **EDR 321 Content Area Literacy (3)**

— **EDF 485 The Context of Educational Issues (3)**

— **EDT 370 Technology in Education (3)**

Must be taken with or after EDI 431

Must be taken with or after EDI 331 but before EDI 431

— **EDS 379 Universal Design for Learning: Secondary (3)**

Prerequisite: Sophomore standing, EDF 315 and EDI 337 recommended;
Grade of B- or better required.

EDS 379 may be taken prior to the Teacher Assisting Semester but must be completed prior to Student Teaching. Please consult with your College of Education Advisor to determine an appropriate time to take this course.

Guide for Declaring the Classics Major with Emphasis

1. Log into myBanner from the GVSU homepage
2. Once logged in select "Student", "Student Records", and then, "Change Major"
3. Click on the "Change Major 1/Program" box
4. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 1/Program", from here scroll down and choose one of the following based on your emphasis area:
 - "Classics – BA – Classical Languages"
 - "Classics – BA – Classical Studies"
 - "Classics Teaching – BA – Latin, Secondary Education"
5. Click "Submit" and then "Change to New Program"
6. For Latin Secondary Education emphasis students only: Return to the Change Major Screen and select "Add or Change Second Major"
7. Click on the down arrow in the box next to "New Major 2," from here, scroll down and choose "Education" from the list and then click "Submit" and "Add Second Major"
8. Return to Change Major Screen and select "Add a Minor" or "Add or Delete Minor", scroll to and select appropriate minor (see below), and then click "Submit" and "Add Minor"

General Education Overlap

General Education Categories fulfilled by the Classics major:	
Arts: Option of selecting CLA 250	Philosophy and Literature: option of selecting CLA 101 or 201 (SWS)
Historical Perspectives: option of selecting CLA 121 or 131	World Perspectives: option of selecting GRK 202 or LAT 202
Issues and Themes: option of selecting CLA 301 or 302 or 315 or 325 or 365 or 367 (SWS)	<i>For secondary education students only:</i> U.S. Diversity: EDF 315