

CLASSICS - BA, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE TRACK

The BA in Classics is designed to give students a thorough grounding in the culture, history, literature, and intellectual accomplishments of Ancient Greece and Rome from the Bronze Age to the dawn of the Middle Ages.

Studying the history and literature of these civilizations will not only help students to develop skills in close reading, writing, and critical thinking, but will also help them to see how fundamental concepts of Western Civilization such as rationalism and democracy first arose in Classical Antiquity.

The Literature and Language track has a traditional focus on Latin and Greek philology (students choose either Latin or Greek to specialize in, but are encouraged to take both) and is intended to enable students to read and enjoy the great texts of Classical Antiquity (Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Livy, Tacitus, the New Testament, etc.) in the original languages. Students take 18 hours of language (Greek or Latin) at the 200-300 levels, 4 hours of foundational courses, and 9 hours of electives.

A major in Classics signals a commitment to serious intellectual enquiry and is an excellent basis for careers in law, business, consulting, public service, and teaching. Those intending to pursue careers in medicine or finance will also find that a major in Classics can be easily combined with undergraduate courses required for those fields.

Program Requirements

First Year

	Semester Credit Hours
Fall	
ENGL 104 Composition and Rhetoric	3
Foreign language ¹	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ²	3
General elective ³	4
Semester Credit Hours	16
Spring	
Foreign language ¹	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Second Year

Fall	
Foreign language ¹	3
Language, philosophy and culture (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture)	3
Government/Political science (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)	3
Classics directed elective ⁴	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Communication (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
Creative arts (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Foreign language ¹	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics) ²	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Year

Fall	
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign language ¹	3
Classics directed elective ⁵	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
Foreign language ¹	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Social and behavioral sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fourth Year

Fall	
CLAS 410 Seminar in Classical Studies	3
American history (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Life and physical sciences (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3

General elective ³	3
General elective ³	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
CLAS 491 Research	1
Classics directed elective ⁴	3
Literature directed elective (http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/)	3
General elective ³	3
General elective ³	4
Semester Credit Hours	14
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Select Greek language sequence or Latin language sequence for a total of 18 hours. Greek: Take CLAS 102, CLAS 211, CLAS 312, 9 hours from CLAS 310 to 319 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>). Latin: Take CLAS 122, CLAS 221, CLAS 222, 9 hours from CLAS 320 to 329 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>).

² At least 3 hours must be in MATH. Three hours may be PHIL 240.

³ Select from any 100-499 courses not used elsewhere, except CLAS 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>).

⁴ Select from ANTH 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/anth/>); ARCH 430, ARCH 434; ARTS 335; CLAS 211, CLAS 220, CLAS 221, CLAS 222, CLAS 230-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>); HIST 300-499 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hist/>).

⁵ Select from ANTH 316, ANTH 317/RELS 317; CLAS 251/RELS 251, CLAS 330 to 381 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>), CLAS 415 to 444 (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>), PHIL 410, PHIL 411.

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<http://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/department requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Minor Field of Study. All Classics majors are strongly encouraged to select 15-18 hours in a minor field of study. Students must earn a "C" or better in all minor coursework.

Courses cross-listed with other programs cannot be used under different prefixes to fulfill more than one requirement.