

Classics

The School of Humanities

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Degree Offered: B.A.

Formally administered by the Department of Hispanic and Classical Studies, the classics major explores the languages, literature, history, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome. Students may elect to concentrate on either Latin or classics, which involves the study of ancient Greek as well as Latin. Both concentrations emphasize the study of the literature of Greek and Roman civilizations in the original languages. Additional “classical studies” courses use English translations to explore various aspects of classical civilizations.

The classics major provides an essential base for further graduate work in classics, ancient history, ancient philosophy, ancient religion (especially early Christianity), and ancient art history. A secondary teaching certificate awarded in conjunction with the B.A. is available through the Department of Education. Further information on the classics major is available from faculty members. Faculty also help students arrange travel to Greece or Italy, whether to work on a dig or to study at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome.

Degree Requirements for B.A. in Classics

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (pages 16–18).

Classics Majors. Students majoring in classics (both Greek and Latin) must complete 27 semester hours of departmental courses as follows:

- 21 hours (7 courses) in Greek and Latin at the 200 level or above
- At least 6 hours (2 courses) in each language
- 3 hours (1 course) at the 300 level in classical studies or from another department in one of the following: Greek and Roman philosophy, art, history, or religion
- LATI 493 *Comprehensive Examination* in the spring semester of the senior year

Latin Majors. Students majoring in Latin must complete 24 semester hours of departmental courses as follows:

- 18 hours (6 courses) in Latin at the 200 level or above
- 3 hours (1 course) at the 300 level in classical studies or from another department in one of the following: Greek and Roman philosophy, art, history, or religion
- LATI 493 *Comprehensive Examination* in the spring semester of the senior year

Comprehensive Examination. Students in both concentrations take the comprehensive examination in the last week of their last semester.

Language Competency Requirement

Students wishing to use Latin or Greek to satisfy the language competency requirement should refer to Graduation Requirements (pages 16–18). For clarification, see the Center for the Study of Language website, http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~csl/language_links/web_requirement_info.html. For further details on using Latin or Greek to satisfy the requirement, see a departmental adviser.

See CLAS (pages 299–300), GREE (page 374), and LATI (pages 419–420) in the Courses of Instruction section.