

Classics BA with Classical Languages and Literature Concentration

Overview

The **Bachelor of Arts in Classics** is offered by the Department of Greek and Roman Classics. Students **must select one of the following concentrations**:

- Classical Civilizations
- Classical Languages and Literature.

The Department also offers the minor in Ancient Mediterranean Studies and the minor in Classical Languages and Literature. Students in these programs study the cultures and languages of two major civilizations of the ancient Mediterranean world. Classics is an interdisciplinary field of study which encompasses multiple disciplines of the liberal arts: languages, history, literature, art and philosophy.

Campus Location: Main

Program Code: LA-CLAS-BA

Career Preparation

Classics offers a sound liberal arts background that prepares students for any career. Classics majors have held senior positions in government, law and public service organizations, have founded and headed companies and organizations, and have worked as correspondents and journalists. Recent Temple Classics majors have gone on to law school, veterinary school, graduate school, and business and teaching careers. To help prepare for careers, the Department of Greek and Roman Classics offers funding for internships that provide no remuneration.

Study Abroad

Classics majors and minors are encouraged to study a semester at Temple's Rome Campus. Majors are eligible to apply for funding for summer study in the Mediterranean through the Rudolph Masciantonio Traveling Summer Scholarship.

Undergraduate Associations

The organization for majors and minors is the Temple Classics Club, and there is a chapter of the national honorary society for Classics, Eta Sigma Phi, on campus.

4+1 BA/MEd Accelerated Program for High School Latin Teachers (with the College of Education and Human Development)

The accelerated +1 program offers students following the concentration in Classical Languages and Literature in the College of Liberal Arts the exciting opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree and a Master of Education in Secondary Education with one year of study beyond the BA. Students take several graduate-level courses while still an undergraduate student. The MEd meets the Pennsylvania Department of Education's program requirements for Teacher Certification as a Latin teacher. See the College of Education and Human Development for more details.

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2024-2025. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2024 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Degree Requirements

University Requirements

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. See below for a list of the specific courses required for your major.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

College of Liberal Arts Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including: 90 credits in CLA/CST courses, 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
- **Distribution Requirement for Humanities majors:** Six upper level credits must be earned in the Social Science, Science, and/or interdisciplinary subject areas. Select from the following CLA departments and programs: Africology & African American Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Asian Studies, Criminal Justice, Cybersecurity and Human Behavior, Economics, Environmental Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Geography and Urban Studies, Global Studies, History, Jewish Studies, Latin American Studies, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies, Liberal Arts, Neuroscience (CLA), Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
 - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement may be found on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements:**
 - All students must complete the second level of a foreign language;
 - All students must complete at least one course from the GenEd Global/World Society category; and
 - All students must complete one of the following options:
 - Third level of a foreign language;
 - Demonstrated proficiency in a foreign language;
 - A second General Education Global/World Society course;
 - Study Abroad at an approved program; or
 - Take one Global Studies course from the list on the CLA College Requirements page.
- **General Electives** are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

Major Requirements (a minimum of 35 credits in Ancient Greek, Latin, Greek and Roman Classics and related course work)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		
Seven of the following: ^{1,2}		23
GRKA 1001	Ancient Greek 1	
GRKA 1002	Ancient Greek 2	
GRKA 2001	Ancient Greek 3	
GRKA 2002	Ancient Greek 4	
GRKA 3002	Readings in Greek Literature II	
LAT 1001	Latin 1	
LAT 1002	Latin 2	
LAT 2001	Latin 3	
LAT 2002	Latin 4	

LAT 3002	Readings in Latin Literature II	
One of the following Writing Capstone Seminars:		3
GRKA 3096	Readings in Greek Literature I	
LAT 3096	Readings in Latin Literature I	
One course in mythology:		3
GRC 2011	Classical Greek and Roman Mythology	
One Writing Intensive elective in Greek and Roman Classics		3
GRC 3496	Writing Seminar	
GRC 3696	Ancient City: Hellenistic Alexandria	
GRC 3796	Ancient City: Augustan Rome	
GRC 3897	Ancient City: Jerusalem	
Major Elective		3
One Greek and Roman Classics elective that does not overlap with any of the above requirements.		
Total Credit Hours		35

¹ Select two courses in Greek (Ancient) and/or Latin languages. If exempt from beginning Greek (Ancient) and/or Latin courses through placement, substitute additional electives until a total of seven language courses is completed.

² May include advanced courses in Greek (Ancient) and/or Latin. Or may include related courses in other departments, per departmental approval.

Suggested Academic Plan

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2024-2025 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL [GW]	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Analytical Reading and Writing [GW]	
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
GenEd Breadth Course		3
Select one of the following:		4
GRKA 1001	Ancient Greek 1	
LAT 1001	Latin 1	
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY]	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
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Select one of the following:		4
GRKA 1002	Ancient Greek 2	
LAT 1002	Latin 2	
Credit Hours		16
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good [GZ]	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		2
Select one of the following:		3

GRKA 2001	Ancient Greek 3	
LAT 2001	Latin 3	
Credit Hours		17
Spring		
CLA 1002	Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors	1
Select one of the following:		3
GRKA 2002	Ancient Greek 4	
LAT 2002	Latin 4	
GenEd Breadth Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		2
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
Greek & Roman Classics 1003-4999 Elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Select one of the following:		3
GRKA 3002	Readings in Greek Literature II	
LAT 3002	Readings in Latin Literature II	
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CLA/CST 2000+ Social Science/CST Course		3
Greek (Ancient) or Latin Language 1000+ Course		3
Greek & Roman Classics Writing Intensive elective		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
Greek (Ancient) or Latin Language 1000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		3
Select one of the following:		3
GRKA 3096	Readings in Greek Literature I [WI]	
LAT 3096	Readings in Latin Literature I [WI]	
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 2000+ Course		3
CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective		3
One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College		3
GRC 2011	Classical Greek and Roman Mythology	3
Credit Hours		15
Total Credit Hours		123

Accelerated Programs

Students may opt to pursue an accelerated +1 program, enabling them to complete both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in less time than the traditional route.

The following accelerated program may be of interest to students in the Classics BA with the Classical Language and Literature concentration:

College of Education and Human Development

- Secondary Education MEd with World/Foreign Languages Education concentration