

CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Degree: B.A., Classics

Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion (<https://cas.umw.edu/clpr/>)

Classics focuses on the study of the languages, literatures, and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. Since many of the ideas and principles which emerged in the classical world are basic to Western culture, courses in Classics apply to the study of almost all the liberal arts and sciences.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics may choose either an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Studies or an interdisciplinary concentration in Classical Archaeology. Students develop their major programs in consultation with a faculty advisor.

The concentration in Classical Archaeology offers special preparation to those students who wish to pursue museum or field work in archaeology. A concentration in Classical Archaeology joined with a related major such as anthropology, art history, historic preservation, history, or religious studies will enable a student to add depth of knowledge about the ancient world to their study of those disciplines.

Opportunities for study and excavation abroad are readily available to the Classics major. Mary Washington is a member of the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, the American Academy in Rome, and the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. Students are welcome to consult with the Classics faculty about programs at these and other institutions. Qualified students are invited to join Eta Sigma Phi, the national honor society for Classics, and to try for departmental honors in their senior year.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate general knowledge of the outlines of Greek and Roman history, culture, and literature.
2. Students will engage with the culture, literature, research, methods, and scholarship of the discipline.
3. Students will develop competencies in reading Latin and ancient Greek.
4. Students will demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
5. Students will present, analyze, interpret, and synthesize evidence and scholarship on a topic relevant to classical or ancient Mediterranean civilization.
6. Students will create an original argument or creative work supported by individual research on a topic pertaining to classical or ancient Mediterranean civilization.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
CLAS 103	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Greek World	3
CLAS 105	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Roman World	3

Select one of the following: GREK 201 or GREK 202 and LATN 201 or 3-6 LATN 202, or any GREK or LATN course at 300 level or above

LATN 201	Intermediate Latin	
	or LATN 202 Vergil	

GREK 201 Intermediate Greek
or GREK 202 Homer

3 credits in a Latin course at the level of 300 or above (or, with approval, 3 credits in a Greek course at the level of 300 or above)

Select 6 credits of the following: 6

CLAS/ARTH 305	Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology	
ARTH 310	Greek Art	
ARTH 311	Roman Art	

Select 18 credits in approved archaeology courses, out of which at least 6 credits must be in Classics 18

Total Credits 33-36

Approved Archaeology Courses

Code	Title	Credits
ARTH/CLAS 305	Egyptian and Near Eastern Art and Archaeology ¹	3
CLAS 285	Ancient Greek and Roman Literature	3
CLAS 318	Ancient Slavery and Its Legacy	3
CLAS 351	Special Studies in Classical Civilization ²	1-3
CLAS 352	Special Studies in Classical Civilization ²	3
CLAS 380	Archaeology of the Greek and Roman World	3
CLAS 385	The Ancient Mediterranean	3
CLAS 390	The Ancient City	3
CLAS 485	Guided Research	3
CLAS 491	Individual Study ²	1-4
CLAS 492	Individual Study ²	1-4
CLAS 499	Internship ²	1-4
ANTH 371	Special Topics in Anthropology ³	3
ARTH 315A	Art Museum Studies	3
or HISP 200	Introduction to Museum Studies	
HISP 208	Introduction to Conservation	3
GISC 250	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems and Cartography	4
or GISC 200	Introduction to GIS	
HISP 462A	Laboratory Methods in Archaeology	3
HISP 467	Field Methods in Archaeology	3
HIST 331A	History of Ancient Greece	3
HIST 332	History of Ancient Rome	3

¹ If not already counted as fulfilling the requirement listed above.

² With permission.

³ Certain topics and with permission.

General Education Requirements

The general education requirements for Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degrees (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-arts-bachelor-science-degrees/>) apply to all students who are seeking to earn an undergraduate B.A., B.S. or B.S.Ed. degree.

Students seeking a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree have a separate set of BLS general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/requirements-bachelor-liberal-studies-degrees/>).

Electives

Elective courses are those that are not needed to fulfill a general education requirement or major program requirement but are chosen by the student to complete the 120 credits required for graduation with a B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. degree or the BLS degree. These courses may be taken graded or pass/fail (or S/U in the case of physical education and 100-level dance). No student in a regular B.A./B.S./B.S.Ed. program may count more than 60 credits in a single discipline toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

Total Credits Required for the Degree: 120 credits

Plan of Study

This suggested plan of study should serve as a guide to assist students when planning their course selections. It is not a substitute for a student's Degree Evaluation or the Program Requirements listed for this major in the catalog. Academic planning is the student's responsibility, and course selections should be finalized only after speaking with an advisor. Students should familiarize themselves with the catalog in effect at the time they matriculated at the University of Mary Washington. Students should also familiarize themselves with general education requirements (<https://catalog.umw.edu/undergraduate/general-education/>) which can be fulfilled through general electives as well as major/minor course requirements. Course requirements and sequencing may vary with AP, IB, CLEP, Cambridge or previous coursework, transfer courses, or other conditions. To be considered full-time, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in 12 or more credits for the semester.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Fall		
ARTH 114A	Art History: Prehistory to c. 1300 CE, the Mediterranean ¹	3
FSEM 100	First-Year Seminar	3
GREK 101 or LATN 101	Elementary Greek or Elementary Latin	3
General Education Courses		6
Credits		15
Spring		
CLAS 103 or CLAS 105	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Greek World or Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Roman World	3
GREK 102 or LATN 102	Elementary Greek or Elementary Latin	3
General Education Courses		9
Credits		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
GREK 201 or LATN 201	Intermediate Greek or Intermediate Latin	3
Elective in Major		3
General Education Courses		9
Credits		15
Spring		
CLAS 105 or CLAS 103	Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Roman World or Ideas and Culture: The Ancient Greek World	3
CLAS 285	Ancient Greek and Roman Literature	3
GREK 202 or LATN 202	Homer or Vergil	3
Elective in Major		3
General Education Course		3
Credits		15

Junior		
Fall		
Advanced Greek or Latin Course (or GREK 101 or LATN 101)		3
Approved Archaeology Course ²		3
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Spring		
Advanced Greek or Latin Course (or GREK 102 or LATN 102)		3
Approved Archaeology Courses ²		6
General Electives		6
Credits		15
Senior		
Fall		
Advanced Greek or Latin Course (or GREK 201 or LATN 201)		3
Advanced Archaeology Course ²		3
General Electives		9
Credits		15
Spring		
CLAS 485	Guided Research (fulfills Writing Intensive Requirement of the major and serves as an approved archaeology course) ¹	3
General Electives		12
Credits		15
Total Credits		120

¹ Recommended.

² List of approved archaeology courses can be found on the Classical Archaeology Requirements page (p. 1).

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