

CLASSICAL STUDIES



Classical Studies introduces the student to the languages and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. It is unique in offering students knowledge of the origins of political, social, and cultural traditions of the West (Europe, North and Latin America), and in giving them a context for understanding contemporary Western society and culture. Classical Studies is an interdisciplinary major useful for cultivating verbal, written, and logical reasoning skills and for broadening one's world view. Students within these majors enter into industries relating to education, the arts, government, nonprofit, communications, business, law, medicine.

You may choose to study Classical Studies because you enjoy the subject but wish to pursue careers requiring "any major" associated with the industries listed above. In this scenario, it is critical to develop skills relevant to targeted fields through internships, part-time or summer jobs, or volunteer experiences.

Classical Studies majors are excellent candidates for a number of graduate school options because of their broad liberal arts background as well as specific interests that may set them apart from other students. For those wishing to pursue graduate education, maintain a high GPA, establish relationships with faculty to secure strong recommendations, and gain experience through volunteer, work, or research opportunities. Research areas of interest for specific program requirements.

AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY

- Teaching
- Research
- Higher Education
- Library and Information Sciences
- Archival Work
- Administration/Management
- Translating/Interpreting
- Museum Work
- Design
- Policy Analysis
- Cultural Resource Management
- Foreign Service
- Development/Fundraising
- Writing/Editing
- Law

- Universities & Colleges
- Public/Private Schools
- Professional Language Schools
- Museums
- Art Galleries
- Archives
- Historical Societies and Sites

- Public Research Agencies
- Libraries
- State/Local Government
- Federal Government
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Social Service Organizations
- Publishers
- Law Firms

COMMON EMPLOYERS

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Classical League
- National Committee for Latin and Greek
- Society for Classical Studies



STRATEGIES FOR ENTERING THE FIELD

- Engage in internships, part-time jobs, or volunteer opportunities with organizations and employers where you can apply your knowledge of Classics or utilize your transferable skills of attention to detail, organization, etc.
- Pair an interest in Classical Studies with a skill, such as writing or communication to be able to write about topics associated with Classics, teach Classics in a variety of settings (schools, museums, etc.).
- Engage with networking groups or professional organizations that are focused in promoting the development and integrity of classics.
- Couple your coursework in Classical Studies with another major or minor to have this major or minor serve as your application of your knowledge of Classical Studies.
- Develop close connections with faculty in your department/major to have strong recommendations when applying to additional programs for education.
- Apply your knowledge in a variety of settings, government, nonprofit, the arts, museums/libraries, educational settings, etc.
- Study and/or travel abroad to contribute to your understanding of the field.
- Pursue graduate education in classics for increased opportunities.
- Plan to specialize in one area such as Latin and Greek, classical literature, classical archaeology or classical civilization.
- A classics major serves as good preparation for graduate study in other analytical subjects such as law, anthropology, medieval studies, philosophy, history, English, etc.