Classical Studies

Director: Vacant

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** THIS PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY ON HIATUS. NO NEW MAJORS OR MINORS ARE BEING ADMITTED INTO CLASSICS, CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS, OR LATIN. **

The study of Classics examines first the origins and growth of Greek and Roman culture in the Mediterranean area and second its impact on that area (and others) until the present. This study is by nature interdisciplinary: the study of language and literature, history, philosophy and religion, archaeology, economics and science all contribute to an appreciation of Greco-Roman civilization.

Students in either major or minor programs may concentrate in various combinations of these and other disciplines as they relate to ancient civilization. The diversity of the program should encourage the student to follow her or his special interests while simultaneously gaining an overview of classical civilization.

Courses in ancient Greek and Latin lead to proficiency in language while introducing the student to major literary texts. The Joseph A. Maurer Classics Prize is awarded yearly, at the discretion of the program, to the senior(s) who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Classics (ancient Greek or Latin) and/or classical civilization. Courses in classical civilization require no knowledge of the ancient languages; they offer introductions to various disciplines of Classics with frequent reference to modern perspectives. Upper-level courses tend to be small, fostering closeness between faculty and students.

Petitions are required for freshmen to take 100-level or higher courses and for sophomores to take 200-level or higher courses.

Emeritus Faculty

C. Robert Phillips II (Department of History)
David B. Small (Department of Sociology & Anthropology)
Barbara Pavlock (Department of English)

MAJOR PROGRAMS

Students may major either in Classical Civilization or in Classics. The Classics major offers a comprehensive view of language and culture; it is possible to begin an ancient language at Lehigh and to complete the major program successfully. The Classical Civilization major enables the student to gain a broad perspective on Greek and Roman civilization. The program welcomes double majors and the major enables the student to gain a broad perspective on Greek and Roman civilization.

The program has three minors: Classics, Latin, and Classical Civilizations. OR LATIN. **

MAJOR IN CLASSICS

This major allows the student to gain an overview of Greco-Roman culture through the literature, archaeology, and history along with basic language study. A minimum of 36 credits is expected, but adjustments may be made for prior language study. Students need to consult the Program Director to determine appropriate adjustments to the guidelines for major requirements.

Select four of the following:

| 16 Credits |  
|-------------|---|
| CLSS/ENGL 052 |  
| CLSS/ENGL/THTR 054 |  
| CLSS/ENGL 056 |  
| Topics in Greek and Roman Literature |  
| CLSS/ANTH/ART/ARCH 174 |  
| Greek Archaeology |  
| CLSS/ANTH/ART/ARCH 176 |  
| Roman Archaeology |  

Any two courses in ancient history 8

At least one elective from the remaining program offerings 4 (ANTH 178 may be included)

Two semesters of elementary Latin or Greek 8

Total Credits 36

MAJOR IN CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

This major allows the student to concentrate in ancient Greek, Latin or both. Specific programs for this major are worked out for each student with due consideration for the individual’s particular previous study of the language(s). Thus a student may begin ancient Greek or Latin at Lehigh and successfully complete a major in it. A minimum of 36 credits is expected, but adjustments may be made for prior language study. Students need to consult the Program Director to determine appropriate adjustments to the guidelines for major requirements.

Required Major Courses

Select one of the following: 1

| 8 Credits |  
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| LAT 001 & LAT 002 |  
| Elementary Latin I and Elementary Latin II |  
| GRK 001 & GRK 002 |  
| Elementary Ancient Greek I and Elementary Ancient Greek II |  

Select one of the following: 1

| 8 Credits |  
|----------|---|
| LAT 011 & LAT 012 |  
| Intermediate Latin and Intermediate Latin |  
| GRK 011 & GRK 012 |  
| Intermediate Ancient Greek and Intermediate Ancient Greek |  

Three advanced courses in the major language minimum. 2 12

Any two ancient history courses. 8

At least one elective from the remaining program offerings. 4

Total Credits 40

1 Depending on prior preparation.

2 Depending on prior preparation and on the extent of coursework in the second Classical language. Students entering with significant previous language study in their major language (Latin or Greek) will be expected to take four or more advanced courses. The specific number of credits for language study will be determined in consultation with the Program Director.

MINOR PROGRAMS

The program has three minors: Classics, Latin, and Classical Civilization. The minor in Classics combines language study and civilization courses (with a minimum of two courses in the languages). The minor in Latin focuses exclusively on the study of Latin. For the minor in Classical Civilization, students may take any combination of courses in Classical Civilization (any courses designated CLSS). All the minors require a minimum of 16 credits. The program can arrange individual courses of study.

Classics Minor 16 credits

Latin Minor 16 credits

Classical Civilizations Minor 16 credits
Classics Courses

CLSS 021 (HIST 021) Greek History 4 Credits
The development of civilization from palaeolithic times to the world empire of Alexander the Great. The social, economic, religious, philosophic, artistic and literary development of the ancient world; the origin of political institutions.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

CLSS 022 (HIST 022) Roman History 4 Credits
Rome from its origins to A.D. 476. Political, social and religious developments. Transformation of the late Roman Empire to the early medieval period.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

CLSS 050 (ENGL 050) Classical Mythology 4 Credits
Introduction to the study of the Greco-Roman myths in their social, political, and historical contexts. Emphasis on myths and their analysis as important evidence for studying classical antiquity.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 054 (ENGL 054, THTR 054) Greek Tragedy 4 Credits
Aspects of Greek theater and plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides in their social and intellectual contexts.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 056 (ENGL 056) Topics in Greek and Roman Literature 4 Credits
Classical literature in translation, including themes or specific periods in Greek or Roman literature.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 091 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

CLSS 112 (ANTH 112) Doing Archaeology 4 Credits
Principles of archaeological method and theory. Excavation and survey methods, artifact analysis, dating techniques, and cultural reconstruction. Course includes field project.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

Early Christianity from its beginnings until the end of the second century. Coverage includes the Jewish and Hellenistic matrices of Christianity, traditions about the life of Jesus and his significance, and the variety of belief and practice of early Christians. Emphasis on encountering primary texts.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 131 (PHIL 131) Ancient Philosophy 4 Credits
Historical survey of selected texts and issues in the classical world, from the pre-Socratics through Aristotle, with emphasis on the origins of the western philosophical traditions in ethics, metaphysics, and epistemology.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 132 (PHIL 132) Hellenistic Philosophy 4 Credits
Historical survey of selected texts and issues in Post-Aristotelian Greek and Roman philosophy from the fourth century B.C. to the third century A.D. Areas of focus may include epicureanism, stoicism, academic and pyrrhonian scepticism, and neoplatonism.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 142 (HMS 142) The Greek and Latin Roots of Medical Terminology 4 Credits
This course is an intro to scientific and medical terminology through the study of the core Greek and Latin roots and other elements (prefixes, suffixes) of this specialized vocabulary. Students will develop the skills needed to analyze a broad range of scientific and medical terms linguistically and to recognize their components in order to understand better the meaning of medical language. The course includes regular homework assignments, quizzes, and exams. No prior knowledge of Latin or ancient Greek is required.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 171 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

CLSS 174 (ANTH 174, ARCH 174, ART 174) Greek Archaeology 4 Credits
Ancient Greek culture from the neolithic to Hellenistic periods. Reconstructions of Greek social dynamics from the study of artifacts.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

CLSS 176 (ANTH 176, ARCH 176, ART 176) Roman Archaeology 4 Credits
Cultures of the Roman Empire. Reconstructions of social, political, and economic dynamics of the imperial system from the study of artifacts.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

CLSS 191 Special Topics 1-4 Credits

CLSS 231 (PHIL 231) Ancient Philosophy Seminar 4 Credits
Advanced seminar in Ancient Philosophy. Content varies. Check department website for term-specific content. May be repeated for credit if the content differs.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

CLSS 281 Readings 4 Credits
Advanced study of a historical period or theme. Emphasis on primary sources. Consent of program head required.
Prerequisites: CLSS 021 or CLSS 022
Attribute/Distribution: ND

CLSS 282 Readings 4 Credits
Advanced study of a historical period or theme. Emphasis on primary sources. Consent of program head required.
Prerequisites: CLSS 021 or CLSS 022
Attribute/Distribution: ND

CLSS 291 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

CLSS 300 Apprentice Teaching 3 Credits

CLSS 312 (HIST 312) Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire 3-4 Credits
Political, social, and economic history of the Roman Empire, A.D. 117-A.D. 565. Romanization of the provinces, diffusion of Christianity, and special attention to transformation to medieval period. Includes readings in translation of primary sources.
Attribute/Distribution: SS

CLSS 389 Honors Project 1-8 Credits

Greek Courses

GRK 001 Elementary Ancient Greek I 4 Credits
Attribute/Distribution: HU

GRK 002 Elementary Ancient Greek II 4 Credits
Continued work in Greek vocabulary, forms, and syntax. Selected readings in Greek. Students should have completed one semester of elementary ancient Greek or the equivalent.
Prerequisites: GRK 001
Attribute/Distribution: HU

GRK 011 Intermediate Ancient Greek 4 Credits
Readings in Herodotus, Homer, or Xenophon. Grammar review. Students should have completed two semesters of elementary ancient Greek or the equivalent.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

GRK 012 Intermediate Ancient Greek 4 Credits
May include Plato: Euthyphro, Apology and Crito, or other dialogues. Students should have completed two semesters of elementary Greek or the equivalent.
Attribute/Distribution: HU
GRK 091 Independent Study 1-4 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

Latin Courses

LAT 001 Elementary Latin I 4 Credits
Attribute/Distribution: HU

LAT 002 Elementary Latin II 4 Credits
Continuation of grammar, easy Latin prose and poetry. Students should have completed one semester of elementary Latin or the equivalent.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

LAT 011 Intermediate Latin 4 Credits
Readings in Latin prose or poetry. Consolidation of reading ability; introduction to literary analysis. Students should have completed two semesters of elementary Latin or the equivalent.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

LAT 012 Intermediate Latin 4 Credits
Readings in Latin prose or poetry. Consolidation of reading ability; introduction to literary analysis. Students should have completed two semesters of elementary Latin or the equivalent.
Attribute/Distribution: HU

LAT 091 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

LAT 113 Vergil 4 Credits
Selections from the Aeneid. Vergil’s creation of a Latin epic and its complex perspective. Metrics. Students should have completed four semesters of Latin or the equivalent.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Prerequisites: LAT 012
Attribute/Distribution: HU

LAT 171 Independent Study 1-4 Credits
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Attribute/Distribution: HU