

CLASSICS, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Classics

Study of the fascinating languages, literatures, and material cultures of ancient Greece and Rome provides a simultaneously broad and deep education in the liberal arts that is crucial for 21st century career paths, whatever your goals in life may be. A Classics major helps you to think critically, read attentively, argue persuasively, and understand compassionately. Classics majors are especially well prepared for careers in teaching, business, law, medicine, government, publishing, and more.

Whether you choose a major in our Classical Languages or our Classical Civilizations concentration, come study with us (<http://www.classics.illinois.edu/>)! You will encounter unforgettable texts like Homer's *Odyssey* and Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, the lyric poetry of Sappho and Catullus, powerful tragedies and delightful comedies, satires and epigrams, histories and oratory; you will learn about mythology and religion, gender and sexuality, everyday life in the ancient Mediterranean, and much more!

Undergraduate degree programs in Classics (<https://classics.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/>)

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Classics

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your adviser.

Majors choosing the Classical Civilization and Classical Archaeology concentrations are advised, but not required, to satisfy the campus general education language requirement with one of the classical languages.

Departmental distinction: Students seeking departmental distinction must have at least a 3.5 average in relevant courses and should consult a member of the department's honors committee at the earliest opportunity.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours

Minimum required concentration course work: 44 hours

Minimum required 300- and 400-level courses in the concentration: 12 hours

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801)

and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required)	0-20

Code	Title	Hours
Orientation and Professional Development		
LAS 101	Design Your First Year Experience	1
	OR	
LAS 100 & LAS 101	Success in LAS for International Students and Design Your First Year Experience	3
	OR	
LAS 102	Transfer Advantage	1
Total Hours		1 or 3

Code	Title	Hours
Students choose from one of the following concentrations:		
	Classical Civilizations (https://nextcourses.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/classics-balas/classical-civilizations/)	44
	Classical Languages (https://nextcourses.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/classics-balas/classical-languages/)	48 or 52

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General

Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours
LAS 101	1
Concentration coursework	3
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	4
General Education course	3
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15**First Year**

Second Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework	3
Concentration coursework	3
General Education course	3
Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
General Education course or Composition I	3
Total Hours	16

Total Hours 16**Second Year**

First Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework	3
Concentration coursework	3
Concentration coursework	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15**Second Year**

Second Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework	4
Concentration coursework	3
Concentration coursework	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Total Hours	16

Total Hours 16**Third Year**

First Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3

Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	16

Total Hours 16**Third Year**

Second Semester	Hours
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15**Fourth Year**

First Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework (300- or 400- level)	3
Concentration coursework (300- or 400- level)	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15**Fourth Year**

Second Semester	Hours
Concentration coursework (300- or 400- level)	3
Concentration coursework (300- or 400- level)	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	12

Total Hours 12**Total Hours: 120**

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1. Acquire and retain a detailed knowledge of Greek and Latin grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and modes of expression so as to be able to read literary and subliterate texts composed in Greek and Latin between roughly 800 BCE and 500 CE.
2. Situate knowledge of the languages within the cultural contexts in which they were used in order to understand the crucial role of language in social dynamics and cross-cultural communication.
3. Acquire facility with contemporary methods of literary and historical analysis sufficient to carry out original, self-directed research into cultures that made use of the Greek and Latin languages.
4. Acquire critical awareness of the place of Greek and Latin in western literary history in order to appreciate the powerful role of tradition in interpreting the texts and events of the past.

5. Acquire a detailed knowledge of the culture of Ancient Greek and Roman civilizations, especially the broader historical, social, and cultural contexts and their development.

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Department of Classics (<http://www.classics.illinois.edu/>)

Classics Faculty (<https://classics.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)

Classics advising (<https://classics.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate-program/>)

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)

Overview of College Admissions & Requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences
(<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)