



# Classics

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College of Arts and Humanities

## Key Features of a Classics Major

- Study the foundations of Western Culture: literature, language, art, politics, and philosophy
- Engage in a “three-dimensional view of cultural history and the literary works that are still major forces in the contemporary era”
- Choose from three different majors all designed to provide critical thinking and language skills and to give you a stronger understanding of current ideas and issues

## Career Options and Salaries with a Classics Major

The Classics major is a pre-professional major for law or graduate school in any aspect of the ancient world. Classics majors have also pursued their education through library school, taken advantage of the high demand for Latin teachers, or found rewarding jobs teaching secondary school while remaining involved in the classics community in many ways like leading trips to Europe. Others have gone into business, worked in educational television, and gotten jobs in the writing or editing fields, in archival work, in special education, or in social services.

The following are median annual salaries, as of May 2012:

Lawyers	\$115,820
Librarians	\$56,880
College Professor	\$72,470
Teacher—High School	\$57,200

Career and Salary information taken from *The Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-2017 ed.*  
<http://www.stats.bls.gov/ooh/>

Additional information on salaries and careers can be found through the University Career Center & The President’s Promise: [Classics](#)

## Advising

If you would like to get more information about the Classics major, you can easily meet with an advisor in the Department:

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## Declaring a Classics Major

*Classics is not a Limited Enrollment Program (LEP). If you have decided to major in this field, you can declare immediately!*

When you declare your major in Classics, you are also declaring that you will be a student in the College of Arts and Humanities (ARHU) which houses the School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (of which Classics is a part). There are two levels in your process of declaring and later advising: the department (Classics) and the College (Arts and Humanities). The College will advise you regarding your CORE/General Education requirements and the Department will advise you regarding your major requirements.

To declare a major in Classics:

- 1) You should contact an Undergraduate Advisor for the Classics Department (see “Advising” for this contact information). They will assist you in completing an academic plan.
- 2) Students must complete the ARHU [Foreign Language Placement Assessment](#) (FLPA must be taken in a proctored environment if students are seeking exemption from [The Global Engagement Requirement](#)). Please note that students’ majors will not be changed until they have an FLPA score on file or have satisfied prerequisites via AP credit or earned college credit.
- 3) You will then submit a “College of Arts & Humanities Change of Major Form.” This is presented to the ARHU Office of Student Affairs, along with your 4-Year Plan, in 1120 Francis Scott Key Hall (301-405-2108). You will either meet with an advisor then or make an appointment for a later meeting.  
**Enrollment in the major is not complete until an ARHU advisor has signed the Four- Year Plan worksheet.**
- 4) As a new major, you will then be assigned to a department advisor, with whom you will need to meet at least once per semester prior to registration.

Be sure to call the Arts and Humanities Office of Student Affairs at least one day in advance in order to schedule an appointment. Their hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**\*Students may not change their major during walk-in advising hours.**

**Classics CORE 4-Year Plan**  
(Classical Humanities Concentration)

First Year:

ENGL 101	3	Non-Lab Science PS/LS	3
MATH	3	HA	3
LATN 101 or GREK 101	4	SH or SB	3-4
CLAS 170 (HL)	3	LATN 102 or GREK 102	4
UNIV 100	1	CLAS 2xx	3
14-15 credits		16-17 credits	

Second Year:

SH or SB	3	Lab Science LL, PL	3-4
Non-Lab Science PS, LS	4	SH or SB	3
CLAS 3xx	3	Diversity	3
LATN 201 or GREK 201	4	CLAS 3xx	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
17 credits		15-16 credits	

Third Year:

Advanced Studies	3	Advanced Studies	3
Professional Writing	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3	Elective 3xx-4xx	3
CLAS 3xx-4xx	3	CLAS 3xx-4xx	3
Supporting Area #1 (3xx-4xx)	3	Supporting Area #2 (3xx-4xx)	3
15 credits		15 credits	

Fourth Year:

Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3	Supporting Area #4 (3xx-4xx)	3
Supporting Area #3 (3xx-4xx)	3	12 credits	
15 credits			

**TOTAL = 120 credits**

## Classics General Education 4-Year Plan (Classical Humanities Concentration)

### First Year:

ENGL 101 (AW)*	3	CLAS Supporting 1xx-2xx	3
Math (MA)*	3-4	Natural Science	3
CLAS, LATN, or GREK 1xx-2xx	4	Oral Communication OC	3
CLAS 170 (HU)	3	Analytic Reasoning AR	4
UNIV 100	1	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
14-15 credits		16 credits	

\*Must attempt by 30 cr.

### Second Year:

CLAS supporting 1xx-2xx	3	CLAS, LATN, or GREK 3xx-4xx	3
CLAS, LATN, or GREK 3xx-4xx	3	History/Social Sciences HS**	3
Humanities HU**	4	Scholarship in Practice SP #1 **	3
Global Engagement #1	3	Global Engagement #2	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
16 credits		15 credits	

### Third Year:

CLAS, LATN, or GREK 3xx-4xx	3	CLAS, LATN, or GREK 3xx-4xx	3
CLAS supporting 3xx-4xx	3	CLAS Supporting 3xx-4xx	3
Natural Science Lab NL**	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
History/Social Sciences HS**	3	Elective 1xx-4xx	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 3xx-4xx	3
15 credits		15 credits	

### Fourth Year:

CLAS Supporting Area 3xx-4xx	3	CLAS Supporting 3xx-4xx	3
Professional Writing PW	3	Scholarship in Practice SP #2 **	3
Elective 1xx-4xx	3	Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3	Elective 3xx-4xx	3
Elective 3xx-4xx	3	Elective 3xx-4xx	3
15 credits		15 credits	

**TOTAL = 120-21 credits**

Note: Some courses for the major may also count toward the General Education requirements.

\*\*All students must complete two Distributive Studies courses that are approved for I-series courses. The Understanding Plural Societies and Cultural Competence courses may also fulfill Distributive Studies categories.

## Q & A

### ***What kinds of study abroad options are available in Classics?***

The Classics Department offers a variety of opportunities to study abroad and learn more about ancient civilizations and cultures. The “Maryland-in-Rome” program gives students the chance to study “Latin, Greek, Classics, History, and Art History and Archaeology at the American University in Rome (AUR), the oldest independent, four-year, degree-granting American institution of higher learning in that city.” In addition there have been Winter Session trips to Italy, exploring ancient temples, Roman cities, and Mediterranean islands. Past study abroad programs have sponsored trips to Paris to study its Roman foundations and history and to Greece in order to study its rich history and antiquities.

For further information on these and other Classics study abroad programs, please go to <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad>

### ***Are there classes outside the Classics Department that will match well with its majors?***

Yes, there are several courses in other departments that will enhance your study of Classical languages and literature. The departments of Art History, English, History, and Philosophy all provide courses useful in the study of ancient civilizations. In order to select those best suited to your interests, please consult with the Classics Advisor ([see above](#) for contact information).

### ***Is there a minor in Classics?***

Yes, there are actually *three* minors available through the Classics Department: Ancient Greek Language and Literature; Classical Mythology; and Latin Language and Literature. For more information on the requirements for these minors, please see the Undergraduate Catalog (<http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.chapter/c/127>) or consult the Classics Advisor.