

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Classical Antiquity

Why classics?

Because knowledge of Greek and Roman antiquity is fundamental to understanding the ancient and modern world.

What is classics?

Classics is the integrated study of ancient Greek and Roman civilization through its languages, its literature, and its artistic and archaeological remains. This broad field includes the study of the great texts of classical antiquity, such as Vergil's *Aeneid*, Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, Plato's *Symposium*, Sophocles' *Antigone*, and the love poems of Sappho and Catullus, but also encompasses research into everyday life in the societies that produced those great works.

In addition to training in the classical languages (Greek and Latin), the department introduces students to a range of work in literary criticism and cultural studies. Topics include archaeology and ancient art, ancient theatre, mythology, women's history, Greek and Roman humor, cultural exchange across the Mediterranean, the translation of Greek and Latin poetry, and the history of slavery, sexuality, and ethnicity in ancient society.

A commitment to teaching and learning:

Our curriculum is diverse, innovative, and responsive to students' needs. We offer a variety of topics as mentioned above, and an array of course structures and formats, including small in-person language courses, hybrid ancient Greek and Latin that combines face-to-face instruction with online exercises, mid-sized discussion courses on archaeological or literary themes, online offerings during the summer and the academic year, and one large energetic lecture course.

Our faculty members have won nearly all KU's teaching awards, including the HOPE, Kemper, and Ned Fleming awards, and a wide variety of other university-level teaching and advising awards. The department as a whole received the first ever Center of Teaching Excellence (CTE) award for Department Excellence in Teaching at the University of Kansas.

Beyond KU:

In addition to the rich and interdisciplinary content, the Classics degree teaches strong and widely useful critical skills such as clear writing, effective interpretation and use of evidence, and evaluation of sources.

Classics graduates bring all these to bear in a variety of careers. Our students have gone on to careers in law, business, library science, journalism, medicine, museum studies, education, writing and publishing, and technology.

Innovative scholarship:

KU Classics Faculty members conduct research on a variety of ancient topics, from Greek tragedy to Roman architecture. Their research engages some of the world's most enduring questions, such as: How did the Greek and Roman societies envision happiness? How does

knowledge of the past affect one's choices and identities? How do modern theories about gender and sexuality intersect with ancient concepts? How are cultural values encoded into art, architecture, literature, language, law, religion, and politics? And, who "owns" the classical past?

Classics students can work with faculty as research assistants or can develop their own research projects, and many Classics courses count toward KU's Research Experience Program. Our undergraduate students have received Undergraduate Research Awards and McNair Scholarships, and many write undergraduate honors theses.

Study Abroad

The Classics Department offers a variety of study opportunities for its students to study in Greece or Italy, the UK, and elsewhere in Europe. We offer scholarships to students who participate in overseas programs that focus on the ancient world.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Classics Majors

The Department of Classics offers 2 majors. Both provide students of diverse career goals a broad humane education and afford a solid foundation for those who wish to pursue graduate work in classics. The **Classical Antiquity** major provides inclusive, interdisciplinary training in ancient Greek and Roman cultures and prepares you for graduate study in ancient archaeology, art, or history. The **Classical Languages** major trains you to read the great authors of classical antiquity (e.g., Homer, Plato, Vergil, Sappho, Saint Augustine) in the original language and prepares you for graduate study in classics and for teaching in some private schools.

You might also combine your classical language interest with a degree in the School of Education. A degree in education with a Latin major allows you to teach Latin in public high schools.

First- and Second-Year Preparation

Potential classics majors should keep in mind that proficiency in Greek or Latin is required for either major; they need to enroll in GRK 104 or LAT 104 or their equivalents as early as possible. For students with no former training, proficiency takes 4 semesters; Classical Languages majors need additional language courses. Other courses to consider taking during the first or second year include CLSX 148, CLSX 151, CLSX 168, CLSX 230, CLSX 240, or the honors versions of those courses. As soon as the student decides that classics is a possible major, he or she should talk to an undergraduate advisor in classics.

Requirements for the B.A. or B.G.S. Major: Classical Antiquity

The Classical Antiquity major consists of 30 hours of work in Classics and related courses, in addition to the coursework in Latin and/or Greek required for the major. The major is designed to encourage interdisciplinary understanding of ancient Greek and Roman cultures while maximizing student flexibility.

Of the 30 hours that constitute the major, 15 must be in the Classics Department, i.e., CLSX, GRK, and LAT courses; and 15 must be junior/senior hours, i.e., at the 300 level or above. This major has two tracks: Classical Humanities, and Classical Art and Archaeology. Coursework in Latin and/or Greek required for the major: 4-semester proficiency in Latin or ancient Greek, or four semesters combined Greek and/or Latin, or the equivalent.

Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Track 1 - Classical Archaeology | | |
| 15 hours from list A | | 15 |
| 6 hours from list B | | 6 |
| 9 hours from list C | | 9 |
| Track 2 - Classical Humanities | | |
| 6 hours from list A | | 6 |
| 15 hours from list B | | 15 |
| 9 hours from list C | | 9 |

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| List A - Classical Archaeology | | |
| CLSX 151 | Introduction to Greek and Roman Archaeology | |
| | or CLSX 351 Introduction to Greek and Roman Archaeology, Honors | |
| CLSX 371 | Archaeology of Ancient Israel | |
| CLSX 525 | Aegean Archaeology and Art | |
| CLSX 526 | Greek Archaeology and Art | |
| CLSX 527 | Roman Archaeology and Art | |
| CLSX 538 | Pompeii and Herculaneum | |
| CLSX 529 | Archaeology and Art of the Ancient Near East | |
| CLSX 577 | Topics in the Archaeology and Art of the Ancient Mediterranean: _____ ¹ | |
| HA 600 | Biography of a City: _____ | |
| ANTH 418 | Summer Archaeological Field Work | |
| ANTH 419 | Training in Archaeological Field Work | |

List B - Classical Humanities

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| CLSX 148 | Greek and Roman Mythology | |
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| | or CLSX 148 Greek and Roman Mythology Honors | |
| CLSX 168 | Ancient Epic Tales | |
| | or CLSX 169 Ancient Epic Tales, Honors | |
| CLSX 230 | Greek Literature and Civilization | |
| | or CLSX 33C Greek Literature and Civilization, Honors | |
| CLSX 240 | Roman Literature and Civilization | |
| | or CLSX 340 Roman Literature and Civilization, Honors | |
| CLSX 384 | Ethics in Greek Tragedy | |
| CLSX 388 | Poetry and Politics in Fifth-Century Athens | |
| CLSX 576 | Topics in Greek and Roman Literature: _____ ¹ | |
| LAT/GRK courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirement | | |
| ENGL 308 | Introduction to Literary Criticism and Theory | |
| PHIL 384 | Ancient Philosophy | |
| PHIL 508 | Early Greek Philosophy | |
| PHIL 605 | The Philosophy of Plato | |
| PHIL 607 | The Philosophy of Aristotle | |
| PHIL 608 | Hellenistic Philosophy | |
| HUM 304 | World Literature I | |

List C - Electives

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| CLSX 210 | Greek Rhetoric in Theory and Practice | |
| CLSX 220 | Roman Oratory in Theory and Practice | |
| CLSX 232 | Word Power: Greek and Latin Elements in English | |
| | or CLSX 332 Medical Terminology: Greek and Latin Roots | |
| CLSX 350 | Modern Themes, Ancient Models: _____ | |
| CLSX 375 | Studies in: _____ | |
| CLSX 382 | Jerusalem Through the Ages | |
| CLSX 496 | Honors Essay in Classical Antiquity | |
| CLSX 502 | Development of Ancient Greece, ca. 1000-300 B.C. | |
| CLSX 506 | Jewish History and Literature in the Greek and Roman Periods | |
| CLSX 515 | Gender and Sexuality in Greek Culture | |
| CLSX 516 | Gender and Sexuality in Roman Culture | |
| CLSX 550 | Capstone in Classics | |
| CLSX 570 | Study Abroad Topics in Greek and Roman Culture: _____ | |
| CLSX 575 | Readings in: _____ ¹ | |
| CLSX 675 | Studies in: _____ | |
| ANTH 110 | Introduction to Archaeology | |
| ANTH 415 | The Rise of Civilization | |
| ANTH 520 | Archaeological Ceramics | |
| HIST 402 | Roman Military History | |
| HIST 506 | Roman Republic | |
| HIST 507 | Early Roman Empire | |
| HIST 508 | Late Roman Empire (284-527) | |
| LING 106 | Introductory Linguistics | |
| REL 525 | Jews and Christians | |
| REL 526 | Jewish History and Literature in the Greek and Roman Periods | |
| REL 527 | Ancient Mesopotamian Culture and Religion | |
| REL 530 | Christian Origins: from the Beginnings to Augustine | |

Any course from List A or B beyond those used to fulfill the requirement.

¹ Only 6 hours each of CLSX 575, CLSX 576, and CLSX 577 may count toward the major.

Students wishing to use their LAT or GRK to satisfy the university's language requirement must do four semesters of the same language.

Classical Antiquity Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses (above), majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade point average minimum standards:

Major Hours

Satisfied by 30 hours of major courses.

Major Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

Major Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

Major Junior/Senior (300+) Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).

A sample 4-year plan for the BA in Classical Antiquity can be found here: Classical Antiquity (<http://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/classics/ba-bgs-classical-antiquity/ba>), or by using the left-side navigation.

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Departmental Honors

A candidate for honors must meet all the general requirements for graduation with honors established by the College. The independent research requirement is met by successful completion of Honors Essay: CLSX 496, GRK 496, or LAT 496. This is normally in the spring semester of the senior year. This enrollment substitutes for one of the optional major courses, whether central or peripheral.

Study Abroad

The department offers study abroad opportunities in Greece and Italy. All students may apply to attend these summer programs, and classics majors are especially encouraged to enroll. Courses offered vary from year to year; consult the Office of Study Abroad (<http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu>) or advisors in the Department of Classics.

For scholarships, students should apply to Study Abroad as well as to the department. The department also offers advice to students interested in non-KU programs or in summer internships at archaeological sites.