

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES

Programs

Undergraduate

Majors

- Classical Studies Major (<https://catalog.tulane.edu/liberal-arts/classical-studies/classical-studies-major>)
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Graduate

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Courses

Classics (CLAS)

CLAS 1010 The Rise of Rome (3 Credit Hours)

This course traces the history of Rome from its earliest foundations to the fall of the Roman republic. While learning about major historical events, we will also explore various aspects of Roman cultural and social history. Topics for discussion include politics, social status, gender roles, religion, warfare, murder and conspiracy, and ancient spectacle. No prerequisites. (Note: Not open to senior history majors)

CLAS 1030 The Greeks (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers an introduction to the literature, history, culture, art and architecture of the ancient Greeks. Focusing on Greeks living throughout the Mediterranean from the Bronze Age down to the Hellenistic Period, the course is organized around targeted investigations that explore important aspects of ancient Greek civilization such as colonial expansion, the invention of alphabetic writing, the birth of drama, etc. The aim of the course is not to be exhaustive, but rather to introduce students to the study of antiquity. We will regularly delve into scholarly debate, consider what kinds of evidence underlie our knowledge, and examine the limits of interpretation all while developing our familiarity with the ancient Greeks.

CLAS 1040 Mythology (3 Credit Hours)

This course will introduce you to the gods, heroes, and monsters of Greek and Roman mythology. The focus of the course involves reading and discussing selected works of ancient Greek and Roman literature in English translation, but we will also move beyond these narratives to examine how the Greeks and Romans portrayed their myths in other media, including art and architecture.

CLAS 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Classical Studies. Department approval required.

CLAS 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 2020 The High Roman Empire (3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces the institutional, social, and cultural changes of the empire from Augustus to Diocletian. Emphasis is placed upon the birth of imperial administration, cultural change and continuity, and the rise of Christianity.

CLAS 2120 The Archaeology of Israel (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores the archaeology of the southern Levant from the Bronze Age to the creation of the state of Israel (ca. 3330 B.C.E. - 1948 C.E.). It provides an introduction to the methodology and theory of archaeology and an overview of the material cultures of the complex societies that inhabited the region. Special attention will be paid to cultures of the Israelites, Phoenicians, Philistines, and Arabs and the impact of external imperial rule (from the Egyptians, Assyrians, and Babylonians to the Greeks and Romans) on the life and culture of these societies. We will also investigate the transformation of the region from the rise of Christianity and the Muslim conquest through emergence of Israel as a modern nation-state. Throughout we will focus on extant texts, inscriptions, material culture such as pottery, figurines, and sculpture, and public, religious, and domestic architecture to reconstruct a detailed picture of this region as a dynamic crossroads of civilizations.

CLAS 2220 New Testament Historical Intro (3 Credit Hours)

This course is a literary and historical introduction to the canonical New Testament. It will engage issues of authorship, dating, theology, genre, and special problems related to the scientific (or scholarly) study of the New Testament. There will be some engagement with literature outside of the canonical New Testament but only as it relates to special issues and topics in New Testament interpretation."

CLAS 2310 Tyrants & Democrats Anc Greece (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines the origins and characteristics of basic Greek forms of government in their historical context, concentrating on tyranny and democracy in the archaic and classical periods. The course stresses the development of Greek political institutions and political thought.

CLAS 2320 Ancient Greek Religion (3 Credit Hours)

What was the ancient Greek religion about? And how can we know about the religious experience of a population that is long gone? Both these questions are interconnected and represent the core of this course. Week after week, we will reconstruct the principles and articulation of religious beliefs and practice in ancient Greece, reflecting on the evidence we can use. We will discover the ways that religious system mirrors a specific understanding of human society and its place in the universe. And, with it, we will find that, surprisingly or not, that religious system provided a solid base to several modern religious practices.

CLAS 2330 Alexander the Great (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores the archaeology of the southern Levant from the Bronze Age to the creation of the state of Israel (ca. 3330 B.C.E. – 1948 C.E.). It provides an introduction to the methodology and theory of archaeology and an overview of the material cultures of the complex societies that inhabited the region. Special attention will be paid to cultures of the Israelites, Phoenicians, Philistines, and Arabs and the impact of external imperial rule (from the Egyptians, Assyrians, and Babylonians to the Greeks and Romans) on the life and culture of these societies. We will also investigate the transformation of the region from the rise of Christianity and the Muslim conquest through the emergence of Israel as a modern nation-state. Throughout we will focus on extant texts, inscriptions, material culture such as pottery, figurines, and sculpture, and public, religious, and domestic architecture to reconstruct a detailed picture of this region as a dynamic crossroads of civilizations.

CLAS 2340 Troy: Beyond the Myth (3 Credit Hours)

The Trojan War: famous heroes against each other, astute decoys, tragic deaths, plotting, intrigue, and the gods in the midst of it. Was it all fiction? In this class, we will use literary and archaeological evidence to answer this question.

CLAS 2390 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 2600 The Classical World in Film (3 Credit Hours)

This interdisciplinary course investigates the use of themes from classical history, literature, and mythology in modern cinematography. Its focal point is the artistic appropriation of these themes in service of a fresh literary and cinematic vision. Films with classical themes are viewed as a part of the process of creative imitation and reinvention of a "classic". Each segment of the course discusses a specific theme, starting with the thorough analysis of the relative ancient texts and material culture/archaeology. Reading assignments will include selections from Greek and Roman, such as epic, tragedy, history, lyric poetry, philosophy, and novel. The readings will be flanked by a selection of movies and clips that show modern adaptations of the same theme discussed in the readings.

CLAS 2610 Sex and Gender in Antiquity (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores a wide range of topics related to sexuality and gender in the ancient Mediterranean. Using ancient literary sources, inscriptions, artwork, and modern scholarship, we will try to reconstruct Greek and Roman attitudes about sexuality and gender at different places and different times. In particular, we will focus on the depiction of female leadership in ancient literature, and will consider the following questions: How do the male writers of antiquity describe female leaders? Do they display the same attributes of leadership as their male counterparts, or is there something distinctly feminine about their mode of leadership? Are women depicted in leaders in various spheres of activity (battle, home, politics, etc.)? Is there always a sense of transgression or inferiority associated with female leadership? Do literary depictions match the primary evidence that documents the roles of women in their communities? How can these ancient texts inform the current debates about women in leadership roles?

CLAS 2810 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 2811 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 2940 Transfer Coursework (0 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 3050 Archaeology Lab: Ashkelon (3 Credit Hours)

The field archaeology lab in Ashkelon Israel will introduce students to process of artifact analysis, cataloguing, and recording. Students will work alongside professional staff sorting, cleaning, registering, and analyzing finds from the current excavations such as pottery, figurines, glass, worked stone, faunal remains, and other objects. Students will learn how to make preliminary readings of the artifacts and will also be introduced to methods of scientific analysis, including flotation, petrography, xrf, 3d scanning, and ftir analysis.

Corequisite(s): CLAS 4050.

CLAS 3060 Greek Tragedy & Comedy (3 Credit Hours)

In this class, we will read several ancient plays (in English translation) written in 5th century Athens alongside a series of 20th and 21st century plays from Nazi occupied France, apartheid-era South Africa, and Nigeria (during the Iraq War) that draw on these ancient plays for inspiration in radically different political and cultural climates.

CLAS 3080 Inventing Socrates (3 Credit Hours)

Socrates has greater name recognition than almost anyone in antiquity and yet he left behind no record of his teachings. Instead, his legacy has been shaped by the accounts of others - former students, bemused comedians, admirers and even a few detractors. In this course, we will examine the many faces of Socrates bequeathed to us by his contemporaries, investigate the world of 5th century Athens in which he lived, and survey important moments in his posthumous reception.

CLAS 3090 Law & Society In Ancient Rome (3 Credit Hours)

In this course we will focus on the law of the Roman family, covering such topics as personal status, marriage, divorce, and inheritance, as well as the situation of women and children within the Roman family.

CLAS 3120 Etruscans & Early Rome (3 Credit Hours)

From the Late Bronze Age until their assimilation into the Roman world, the Etruscans were building cities, decorating tombs, and establishing trade networks at home and abroad. While their literature and written history are lost, their extensive material culture survives. In this course, students will learn how to examine a culture known primarily from its artifacts and discover how it influenced early Rome.

CLAS 3140 Jews in the Greco-Roman World (3 Credit Hours)

This course will explore Jewish interaction and conflict with Greeks and Romans from the Babylonian exile through the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem. We will examine the rich body of literature and material culture from this period to reconstruct the Jewish experience in both Palestine and the Diaspora communities in Egypt, Asia Minor, and Rome. The course will consider texts written by Jews as well as Greeks and Romans, representing both sides of this exchange, and archaeological evidence that sheds light on daily life in the period. Topics will include: the Maccabean Revolt, the Hasmonean dynasty, Herod the Great, the Alexandrian riots of 38 CE, Jewish religion and sectarianism, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Jewish Revolts.

CLAS 3160 The Aegean Bronze Age (3 Credit Hours)

The civilizations that populated the Aegean during the Bronze Age were later remembered in mythology, fabulous tales, and epic poetry. Homer sang about the cultural wealth of those earlier kingdoms, from Crete to Mainland Greece. This course offers you the chance to explore their rich and varied archaeological remains. From the majestic palaces to the elaborate frescoes, the decorated pottery, the administrative records, and other material evidence, we will reconstruct the life and activities of the populations of the Aegean from the beginning to the end of the Bronze Age. In our journey, we will also stop and discuss the archaeological methodologies and the current topics of investigation on the Aegean Bronze Age.

CLAS 3170 Greek Art & Archaeology (3 Credit Hours)

In this course, we will explore the archaeological remains and the development and use of specific artistic trends of the ancient Greek culture. Human inhabitation of Greece left the remains of a rich and complex society, with grandiose public architecture, elaborate vase painting, and a legacy that still lives on. Working together as a class, we will explore how to use these material remains to find the Greeks, interpret their lives, and understand their choices and the impact they had on their culture. By studying a variety of archaeological remains, from pottery to art and architecture, we will bring the Greeks back to life, in class, with us! We will cover aspects of Greek political organization, trade and contact with other civilizations in the ancient Mediterranean, funerary habits. At the same time, we will be discussing about our modern approach to the study of the Greeks, focusing on the use of art and archaeology in politics and propaganda, current problems and controversies in Greek archaeology, archaeological methods, and issues of archaeological ethics.

CLAS 3180 Roman Art & Archaeology (3 Credit Hours)

The Roman Empire encompassed the entire rim of the Mediterranean Sea and much of western Europe. This course will undertake an intensive analysis of the material culture of ancient Rome through its art and archaeology. In successfully completing the semester, you will gain a thorough knowledge of the art and archaeology of ancient Rome and its world, focusing especially on changes through time and on the political, social, and economic developments that are illuminated by material remains. We will also discuss current issues related to Roman antiquities and the preservation of world cultural heritage. Working together as a class, we will learn how to use the archaeological record to reconstruct the past, while at the same time examining our own culture and its role in human history.

CLAS 3190 Pompeii: Life in a Roman Town (3 Credit Hours)

The Roman city of Pompeii, utterly destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 C.E., has captured the world's imagination for nearly three centuries. This semester, we will examine the material remains of Pompeii, analyzing how evidence as diverse as standing architecture, monumental inscriptions, portable and permanent art, and even garbage and graffiti can be used to reconstruct ancient lives. Working together as a class, we will investigate the development of Pompeian studies from the earliest systematic excavations of the 1750s to current projects utilizing groundbreaking technologies, and propose new directions for future research in a city that has many more secrets to reveal.

CLAS 3230 Ancient Christianity (3 Credit Hours)

In this course we examine the development of Christianity in the Roman Empire during the first four centuries CE. We will consider both the development of the Church from its beginnings as a religious movement to its becoming one of the dominant institutions in the Roman Empire. We will investigate how the Church gained converts, how it was structured, the relationship between orthodox Christianity and 'heresies,' the Church's conflicts with the Roman Empire, and the changes in the Church resulting from the conversion of Constantine in the early fourth century.

CLAS 3320 The Greek Way of Death (3 Credit Hours)

Death-ritual was an important social institution in ancient Greece. Through their funerals and tombs, the ancient Greeks negotiated social relationships and political ideologies, celebrated the state and the legacies of individuals, and grappled with the uncertainties and fragility of life. In this course we will look at textual and archaeological evidence from the ancient Greek world as we explore attitudes toward life and death and how important customs, rituals, and traditions function in society.

CLAS 3510 The Ancient Novel (3 Credit Hours)

We are all familiar today with the literary form called the novel: a lengthy fictional narrative in prose. It was ancient Greek and Latin authors, however, who first created this form. Many of these works survive and they always intrigue and delight readers with their highly sophisticated plotting of love affairs, comical depictions of pirates, and teasing explorations of sexuality. We will closely read, in English translation, the major ancient novels and some of their literary predecessors in order to understand the originality of the form and content of the novels. The class concludes with a consideration of the ancient novel's contribution to the development of fiction in the West.

CLAS 3810 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 3811 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 3891 Service Learning: CLAS 3090 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Service learning section accompanying CLAS 3090 Law & Society in Ancient Rome.

Corequisite(s): CLAS 3090.

CLAS 3899 Service Learning: CLAS 3090 (1 Credit Hour)

Service learning section accompanying CLAS 3090 Law & Society in Ancient Rome.

Corequisite(s): CLAS 3090.

CLAS 3940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 4050 Intro to Field Arch: Ashkelon (3 Credit Hours)

This is an interdisciplinary course of archaeological fieldwork based in experiential learning at a complex, multi-period Tell site on the southern Levantine coast. Students work five full days plus one half-day in the field uncovering artifacts and learning archaeological field techniques.

Corequisite(s): CLAS 3050.

CLAS 4060 Classical Epic (3 Credit Hours)

This course will offer a detailed survey of Greek and Roman epic poetry from Homer's Iliad to Lucan's Bellum Civile, with specific attention paid to the production and performance contexts of each text. Over the course of the semester, students will become familiar with the central themes and issues of the epic genre and consider what differentiates poems written in different times and places. Specific topics to be investigated include the role of the gods in mortal affairs, tensions between fate and human agency, how to negotiate personal tragedies within larger conflicts, the relationship between individuals and their society, and the intimate connection between poet and his subject. All texts will be read in translation.

CLAS 4080 Sem Anc Society & Econ (3,4 Credit Hours)

Seminar on topics involving ancient society and economy, for example, Slavery in Ancient Society or Family in Ancient Rome. May be repeated when the topic is different. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4110 Leadership in Class Antiquity (3 Credit Hours)

Who is a good leader, or a bad leader? Why? How do you know? How do you become one or the other? Our answers to these questions can often be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who are not only summoned up as models for modern leaders, but who also told stories, sang songs, and debated about what leadership means. This course will combine texts and objects, ancient and modern sources, lecture and discussion in a thorough exploration of leadership in antiquity. Assignments will include readings, self-diagnostic quizzes, essays, reflective journals, and a collaborative final project.

CLAS 4170 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo I (3,4 Credit Hours)

This is a seminar featuring current topics in Greek art and archaeology that are studied through the use of primary texts (histories, literature, inscriptions) as well as secondary scholarship. The topics offered under this heading may include Monuments of Ancient Athens, Greece in the Archaic Age, Knossos & Its Afterlife, and Mycenaean Citadels. May be repeated when topic is different. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4180 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo II (3,4 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Greek art and archaeology where the analysis of material culture and what it can illuminate about Greek society are emphasized. Methods and scholarship from the social sciences are included. Students should expect to do close readings of second scholarship and perform independent research. Topics in this seminar may include Greek Pottery, Greece in the Iron Age, and Topics in Aegean Prehistory. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4190 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo III (3,4 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Greek art and archaeology that employ methods of art history, including the appreciation of the aesthetics of ancient art. Topics may include Greek Vase Painting, Greek Sculpture, and Classical Athens. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4200 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo I (3,4 Credit Hours)

The seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology that are studied through the use of primary texts (histories, literature, inscriptions) as well as secondary scholarship. The topics offered under this heading may include Monuments of Ancient Rome, Building the City of Rome, and the World of Augustus. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4210 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo II (3,4 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology where the analysis of material culture and what it can illuminate about Roman society are emphasized. Methods and scholarship from the social sciences are included. Student should expect to do close readings of secondary scholarship and perform independent research. Topics may include Gender in Roman Archaeology and Death in Roman Cities. May be repeated when topic is different. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4220 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo III (3,4 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology that employ methods of art history, including the appreciation of the aesthetics of ancient art. Topics include Ancient Painting and Mosaics and Roman Sculpture in Context. May be repeated when topic is different (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 4320 War & Power in Ancient Greece (3 Credit Hours)

In this course we will look at ancient Greek warfare and state formation, including how states developed and changed, how and why the ancient Greeks interacted and fought with each other and with outsiders, and what were the immediate outcomes and long-term consequences of endogenous and exogenous power struggles. Students will gain an understanding of the particular roles played by factors such as geography, military innovations, socio-political institutions, individual leaders, ideological shifts, and specific series of decisions and events

Prerequisite(s): CLAS 3310 or HISA 3080.

CLAS 4810 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 4811 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 4900 Seminar in Classical Culture (3,4 Credit Hours)

The seminar features topics that examine aspects of society and culture in the Greek and/or Roman world. While these topics are approached primarily through literature in translation and historical texts, where appropriate, these topics may also include some units on material culture and art. Topics of this course may include The Age of Perikles, Individuals & Communities in Greece and Rome, Alexandria Cosmopolis, Greeks and Barbarians, and Afterlives of Antigone.

CLAS 4910 Independent Study (3 Credit Hours)

Independent study on particular areas or issues of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology. Open to superior students provided approval of department is granted and an appropriate faculty director is available.

CLAS 4920 Independent Study (3 Credit Hours)

Independent study on particular areas or issues of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology. Open to superior students provided approval of department is granted and an appropriate faculty director is available.

CLAS 4990 Honors Thesis (3 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing an honors thesis for a major in classical studies. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

CLAS 5000 Honors Thesis (4 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing an honors thesis for a major in classical studies. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

CLAS 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Classical Studies. Department approval required.

CLAS 5370 Washington Semester (1-20 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Classical Studies. Department approval required.

CLAS 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Classical Studies. Department approval required.

CLAS 5940 Transfer Coursework (0 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

CLAS 6080 Sem Anc Society & Econ (3 Credit Hours)

Seminar on topics involving ancient society and economy, for example, Slavery in Ancient Society or Family in Ancient Rome. May be repeated when the topic is different. Open to Graduate Students.

CLAS 6170 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo I (3 Credit Hours)

This is a seminar featuring current topics in Greek art and archaeology that are studied through the use of primary texts (histories, literature, inscriptions) as well as secondary scholarship. The topics offered under this heading may include Monuments of Ancient Athens, Greece in the Archaic Age, Knossos & Its Afterlife, and Mycenaean Citadels. May be repeated when topic is different. (NOTE: 3 credits/4 credits when offered as Tier 2 writing intensive).

CLAS 6180 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo II (3 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Greek art and archaeology where the analysis of material culture and what it can illuminate about Greek society are emphasized. Methods and scholarship from the social sciences are included. Students should expect to do close readings of second scholarship and perform independent research. Topics in this seminar may include Greek Pottery, Greece in the Iron Age, and Topics in Aegean Prehistory.

CLAS 6190 Sem Greek Art & Archaeo III (3 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Greek art and archaeology that employ methods of art history, including the appreciation of the aesthetics of ancient art. Topics may include Greek Vase Painting, Greek Sculpture, and Classical Athens.

CLAS 6200 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo I (3 Credit Hours)

The seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology that are studied through the use of primary texts (histories, literature, inscriptions) as well as secondary scholarship. The topics offered under this heading may include Monuments of Ancient Rome, Building the City of Rome, and the World of Augustus.

CLAS 6210 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo II (3 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology where the analysis of material culture and what it can illuminate about Roman society are emphasized. Methods and scholarship from the social sciences are included. Student should expect to do close readings of secondary scholarship and perform independent research. Topics may include Gender in Roman Archaeology and The Roman Way of Death. Open to graduate students.

CLAS 6220 Sem Roman Art & Archaeo III (3 Credit Hours)

This seminar features topics in Roman art and archaeology that employ methods of art history, including the appreciation of the aesthetics of ancient art. Topics include Ancient Painting and Mosaics and Roman Sculpture in Context. Open to graduate students. May be repeated when topic is different.

CLAS 6300 Summer Seminar in Rome (1-6 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Classical Studies. Open to Graduate Students only. Registration requires department approval.

CLAS 6320 War & Power in Ancient Greece (3 Credit Hours)

In this course we will look at ancient Greek warfare and state formation, including how states developed and changed, how and why the ancient Greeks interacted and fought with each other and with outsiders, and what were the immediate outcomes and long-term consequences of endogenous and exogenous power struggles. Students will gain an understanding of the particular roles played by factors such as geography, military innovations, socio-political institutions, individual leaders, ideological shifts, and specific series of decisions and events

CLAS 6810 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 6811 Special Topics (3 Credit Hours)

Special topics in Classical Studies focused on particular areas and issues in the fields of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology.

CLAS 6900 Seminar in Classical Culture (3 Credit Hours)

The seminar features topics that examine aspects of society and culture in the Greek and/or Roman world. While these topics are approached primarily through literature in translation and historical texts, where appropriate, these topics may also include some units on material culture and art. Topics of this course may include The Age of Perikles, Individuals & Communities in Greece and Rome, Alexandria Cosmopolis, Greeks and Barbarians, and Afterlives of Antigone.

CLAS 6910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent study on particular areas or issues of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology. Open to graduate students provided approval of department is granted and an appropriate faculty director is available.

CLAS 6920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Independent study on particular areas or issues of ancient culture, religion, history, and/or archaeology. Open to graduate students provided approval of department is granted and an appropriate faculty director is available.

CLAS 7890 Thesis Research (3 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing a thesis for the Master's degree in classical studies. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

CLAS 7910 Independent Study (3 Credit Hours)

Graduate-level independent study in Classical Studies. Department approval required.

CLAS 9980 Masters Research (0 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing a thesis for the Master's degree in classical studies. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

Greek (GREK)

GREK 1010 Elementary Greek (4 Credit Hours)

The study of ancient Greek language offers students an exciting opportunity to gain a nuanced sense of how language works as well as develop the skills to read Homer, Plato, the New Testament, etc. without the filter of translation. Designed to get students reading Attic Greek with facility, this course follows a grammar-based approach that moves students from learning the alphabet to reading real Greek as quickly as possible. This course requires no language background.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'GREK 1010 Placement'.

GREK 1020 Intermediate Greek (4 Credit Hours)

This course is a continuation of GREK 1010 in which students will continue to acquire greater facility in reading unabridged passages of ancient Greek. Prerequisite: GREK 1010 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'GRE Quantitative Code' or GREK 1010.

GREK 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad course in ancient Greek language.

GREK 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Ancient Greek language. Department approval required.

GREK 2030 Attic Prose (4 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on reading selections from a range of prose authors, e.g., Plato, Herodotus, Xenophon. In addition to improving their proficiency in reading Greek, students develop further familiarity with prose styles and begin to acquire skills in literary, historical, or philosophical analysis. Prerequisite: GREK 1020 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'GREK 2030 Placement' or GREK 1020.

GREK 2390 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in ancient Greek language. Department approval required.

GREK 2940 Transfer Coursework (0 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Ancient Greek language. Department approval required.

GREK 3070 Select Authors (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on reading selections from a range of authors in prose and/or poetry. In addition to improving their proficiency in reading Greek, students develop further familiarity with prose styles and begin to acquire skills in literary, historical, or philosophical analysis. Prerequisite: GREK 2030 or equivalent.

GREK 3910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 3920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 3940 Transfer Coursework (0-20 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Ancient Greek language. Department approval required.

GREK 4030 Greek Tragedy (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers students the opportunity to study Athenian tragedy through an in-depth study of the work of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and/or Euripides. Seminars will usually focus on a single author and work, but in some instances will investigate important themes across multiple works to give students a nuanced understanding of Athenian tragedy in comparative perspective.

GREK 4040 Greek Comedy (3 Credit Hours)

Comedy of the fifth century B.C.E., known as Old Comedy, focused on political issues, while Greek comedy of the fourth century B.C.E., known as New Comedy, focused on domestic entanglements. Eleven plays of Aristophanes survive from Old Comedy, and large fragments of seven plays by Menander survive from New Comedy. Students will study one or more of these plays at the discretion of the instructor.

GREK 4050 Plato (3 Credit Hours)

In this course students will study one or more works of Plato to gain a sense of his style and argumentation, as well as his place in ancient literary, cultural, political, and/or philosophical traditions. Work(s) read will be chosen at the discretion of the instructor.

GREK 4060 Greek Historians (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers students an in-depth study of one or more major figures in the Greek historiographical tradition, e.g., Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon.

GREK 4070 Greek Lyric Poetry (3 Credit Hours)

Greek Lyric includes a wide range of non-hexameter poetry composed throughout the ancient Greek world in a variety of genres and dialects from the 7th century onward. This category of poetry includes laments and celebrations for every occasion from war to love. Major authors include Alcman, Sappho, Theognis, Solon, and Pindar.

GREK 4080 Greek Orators (3 Credit Hours)

Greek orators of the fifth and fourth centuries B.C.E. wrote speeches for the law courts, for political assemblies, and for display. Readings for this course will be selected from the speeches of Gorgias, Antiphon, Andocides, Lysias, Isokrates, Demosthenes and Aischines.

GREK 4090 Greek Epic Poetry (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in Greek epic poetry, typically Homer or Hesiod, but other authors may be included, depending upon the desires and needs of the students enrolled.

GREK 4110 Special Authors (3 Credit Hours)

Readings from ancient Greek authors not covered in other courses.

GREK 4910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 4920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 4990 Honors Thesis (3 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing an honors thesis for a major in Greek. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

GREK 5000 Honors Thesis (4 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing an honors thesis for a major in Greek. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

GREK 5190 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad course in ancient Greek language. Requires department approval.

GREK 5370 Washington Semester (1-20 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit. Department approval required.

GREK 5380 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad course in ancient Greek language. Requires department approval.

GREK 5390 Junior Year Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad course in ancient Greek language. Requires department approval.

GREK 5940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Ancient Greek language. Department approval required.

GREK 6030 Greek Tragedy (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers students the opportunity to study Athenian tragedy through an in-depth study of the work of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and/or Euripides. Seminars will usually focus on a single author and work, but in some instances will investigate important themes across multiple works to give students a nuanced understanding of Athenian tragedy in comparative perspective.

GREK 6040 Greek Comedy (3 Credit Hours)

Comedy of the fifth century B.C.E., known as Old Comedy, focused on political issues, while Greek comedy of the fourth century B.C.E., known as New Comedy, focused on domestic entanglements. Eleven plays of Aristophanes survive from Old Comedy, and large fragments of seven plays by Menander survive from New Comedy. Several comedies of Aristophanes and selected fragments of Menander will be read in this course in the original Greek.

GREK 6050 Plato (3 Credit Hours)

In this course students will study one or more works of Plato to gain a sense of his style and argumentation, as well as his place in ancient literary, cultural, political, and/or philosophical traditions. Work(s) read will be chosen at the discretion of the instructor.

GREK 6060 Greek Historians (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers students an in-depth study of one or more major figures in the Greek historiographical tradition, e.g., Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon.

GREK 6070 Greek Lyric Poetry (3 Credit Hours)

Greek Lyric includes a wide range of non-hexameter poetry composed throughout the ancient Greek world in a variety of genres and dialects from the 7th century onward. This category of poetry includes laments and celebrations for every occasion from war to love. Major authors include Alcman, Sappho, Theognis, Solon, and Pindar.

GREK 6080 Greek Orators (3 Credit Hours)

Greek orators of the fifth and fourth centuries B.C.E. wrote speeches for the law courts, for political assemblies, and for display. Readings for this course will be selected from the speeches of Gorgias, Antiphon, Andocides, Lysias, Isokrates, Demosthenes, and Aischines.

GREK 6090 Greek Epic Poetry (3 Credit Hours)

Greek Epic originated in the archaic period and is the oldest surviving Greek poetry (e.g., Homer, Hesiod, and the Homeric Hymns). It remained one of the most influential genres through to the Byzantine period. Students in this seminar will investigate the epic tradition through the careful study of one or more text.

GREK 6110 Special Authors (3 Credit Hours)

Readings from ancient Greek authors not covered in other courses.

GREK 6910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

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GREK 6920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 7040 Selected Readings (1-9 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Greek may enroll in a reading course for up to nine credits. Requires Graduate Student Status, departmental approval, and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

GREK 9980 Masters Research (0 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing a thesis for the Master's degree in ancient Greek. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.

Latin (LATN)

LATN 1010 Elementary Latin (4 Credit Hours)

In this course, students learn the fundamentals of Latin grammar and syntax so that they can begin reading snippets of Latin literature. Prerequisite: none.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'LATN 1010 Placement'.

LATN 1020 Intermediate Latin (4 Credit Hours)

This course continues the introduction to the Latin language begun in LATN 1010, including pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, style, and translation. In addition to learning a lot of Latin, you can also anticipate learning about English grammar and vocabulary. Studying Latin is also an important way to learn about ancient Roman culture, especially Latin literature. Prerequisite: LATN 1010 or equivalent

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'LATN 1020 Placement' or LATN 1010.

LATN 1290 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 1390 Junior Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 1940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 2030 Intro to Latin Literature (4 Credit Hours)

This course provides an introduction to Latin prose and poetry through readings from some of the great works of Latin literature. While reading a broad selection of Latin texts, we will consider how Roman literature evolved along with the changing culture and politics of the city. We will also learn about important authors, historical figures, and events that you are likely to encounter again later in your studies. The class emphasizes precise and accurate translation, vocabulary building, and grammatical understanding. Prerequisite: LATN 1020 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'LATN 2030 Placement' or LATN 1020.

LATN 2390 Semester Abroad (1-20 Credit Hours)

Study abroad in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 2940 Transfer Coursework (3 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 3030 Readings In Latin Poetry (3 Credit Hours)

Selections from Latin poets such as Catullus, Virgil, Ovid, Horace, and others. Prerequisite: LATN 2030 or equivalent.

LATN 3070 Readings In Latin Prose (3 Credit Hours)

Selections from such authors as Cicero, Sallust, Nepos, and Apuleius. Practice in Latin prose composition. Prerequisite: LATN 2030 or equivalent.

Prerequisite(s): minimum score of PASS in 'LATN 3070 Level Placement' or LATN 2030.

LATN 3890 Service Learning: LATN 3030 (0-1 Credit Hours)

Optional service learning to accompany LATN 3030: Readings in Latin Poetry.

LATN 3910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: Approval of department. Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. The reading normally will be part or all, depending on the amount of credit sought, of the assigned reading in an existing 3000-level course.

LATN 3920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

LATN 3940 Transfer Coursework (0-20 Credit Hours)

For transfer of credit in Latin language. Department approval required.

LATN 4010 Roman Comedy (3 Credit Hours)

Selected plays of Plautus and Terence to suit the needs and desires of the students enrolled.

LATN 4020 Catullus & Elegiac Poets (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in Catullus, and the elegies of Propertius, Tibullus, and Ovid.

LATN 4030 Virgil (3 Credit Hours)

Selected readings in Latin from the Aeneid, Eclogues, and/or Georgics.

LATN 4040 Roman Philosophy (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in Latin from Lucretius, Seneca, and other authors.

LATN 4070 Medieval Latin (3 Credit Hours)

Survey of medieval Latin literature with special attention to the various styles and literary types, and to the cultural background.

LATN 4080 Literature of The Age Of Nero (3 Credit Hours)

This course examines the reign of the emperor Nero through readings in the literature of that period. Particular focus will be placed upon the changing status of the emperor, the role of the emperor as patron of the arts, and the development of intellectual and political resistance to Nero and the principate.

LATN 4110 Special Authors (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in Latin from a Roman author.

LATN 4130 Rom Historians of the Republic (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in Livy's History or Sallust's Catiline and Jugurtha.

LATN 4140 Roman Satire (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in the satires of Horace, Persius, or Juvenal.

LATN 4150 Roman Historians of the Empire (3 Credit Hours)

Readings in the historical works of Tacitus and other historians of the Roman empire.

LATN 4170 Cicero (3 Credit Hours)

A study of the man and the period based on portions of his work.

LATN 4180 Horace (3 Credit Hours)

Close study of the Latin work of Rome's most important poet.

LATN 4910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: Approval of department. Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. The reading will normally be part or all, depending on the amount of credit sought, of the assigned reading in an existing 4000-level course.

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Selected plays in Latin of Plautus and Terence to suit the needs and desires of the students enrolled.

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Close study of the Latin work of Rome's most important poet.

LATN 6910 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: Graduate student status and approval of department. Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. The reading will normally be part or all, depending on the amount of credit sought, of the assigned reading in an existing 6000-level course.

LATN 6920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: Graduate student status and approval of department. Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. The reading will normally be part or all, depending on the amount of credit sought, of the assigned reading in an existing 6000-level course.

LATN 7040 Selected Readings (1-9 Credit Hours)

Prerequisite: Graduate student status and approval of department. Students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for up to 9 credits.

LATN 7920 Independent Study (1-3 Credit Hours)

Graduate students wishing to maintain and improve their skill in reading Latin may enroll in a reading course for one, two, or three credits. Requires departmental approval and an appropriate faculty supervisor.

LATN 9980 Masters Research (0 Credit Hours)

Course reserved for students writing a thesis for the Master's degree in Latin. Requires approval of the department and an appropriate faculty director.