

Ancient History and Classics Interdisciplinary Major

Ancient History and Classics is an interdisciplinary major offered jointly by the departments of Greek & Latin and of History. It combines two areas of study which are closely related: Classics is the study of the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome and the people they directly affected; Ancient History focuses on the political, military, and cultural events and developments those cultures and peoples experienced over time, from the Bronze Age to the beginning of the Middle Ages. The two fields intersect at many points: Both Classics and Ancient History study Greek and Roman political and social institutions such as religious practices and beliefs, laws and legal procedures, the organization of states, the conduct of warfare, and expressions of gender, sexuality, age, and class, as well as Greek and Roman Art, architecture, science and technology. And both fields rely on the written and material remains of Greek and Roman culture, preserved through manuscripts on papyrus, parchment and paper, inscriptions on stone and metal, and the abundant archaeological material.

Pursuing Ancient History and Classics at Ohio State

Students wishing to major in Ancient History and Classics would benefit from taking high school Latin. All Ohio State freshmen applicants are considered within a competitive admission process for the Columbus campus. The primary criteria for admission are the completion of the applicant's high school college preparatory program, performance in that program as indicated by class rank and/or grad-point average, and performance on either the ACT or SAT. Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Ancient History and Classics within Arts and Humanities. Interested students should contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Greek and Latin or the Undergraduate History Office in the Department of History, where the student will be assigned to a Major advisor.

Ancient History and Classics Requirements

Students are invited to construct a Major program of 50 hours or more with emphasis upon Greek and/or Latin language, and selected courses in Greek and/or Roman history. *Details of such a program should be discussed with the Major advisor.* The program will consist of at least 20 hours in Latin and/or Greek at the 200 level and above, and 20 hours in Ancient History at the 200 level and above. The remaining 10 hours are chosen in consultation with the Major advisor from Classics courses numbered 200 or higher, or appropriate courses in Greek, Latin, History, History of Art, or Philosophy.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom. These range from cooperative education (co-op) and internships to study abroad programs to student organizations. Co-ops and internships place students in professional environments while they are Ohio State students. Ohio State offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 40 countries around the world. In addition, there are hundreds of student organizations on campus to meet the interests of a diverse student population.

These experiences enable students to gain valuable work experience, learn about cultures, and take on leadership roles before they enter the workforce. All of these experiences enhance learning and may provide an advantage in the job market.

Study Abroad in Ancient History and Classics

Majors of Ancient History and Classics are encouraged to participate in study abroad programs such as the College Year in Athens, the Summer Programs of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, and the programs sponsored by the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. The Department of Greek and Latin also offers a topography course that includes a trip to Italy. For details, visit greekandlatin.osu.edu/undergradstudies/studyAbroad.cfm

Honorary Societies

National honorary societies for History, *Phi Alpha Theta*, and Classics, *Eta Sigma Phi*, have local clubs at Ohio State which are open to majors of Ancient History and Classics. More information can be found by contacting the Department of Greek and Latin or the Department of History.

Honors & Scholars Programs

Ohio State offers the Honors & Scholars programs to create an environment of intellectual support and stimulation within a close-knit community of high-ability undergraduate students. Through these programs, students have access to smaller classes, undergraduate research opportunities, close working relationships with faculty, priority scheduling, and unique housing options.

Honors & Scholars programs represent great opportunities to be part of a smaller community within a large university. Good candidates for these programs are invited to apply upon admission to the university. For more information about these opportunities, refer to the Honors & Scholars web site at honors-scholars.osu.edu.

Career Prospects in Ancient History and Classics

Graduates in Classics find their marketable skills considerably enhanced by their humanities education. A major in Ancient History and Classics properly coordinated with a minor in some other subject and relevant specialized coursework, provides excellent preparation for a career in medicine, business, law, politics, government, and many other nonacademic areas of employment. Besides these fields, students who achieve an MA in Latin stand an excellent chance of making successful careers as secondary school teachers. Achievement of the PhD may lead to an academic career as a professor of Greek and Latin literature, ancient philosophy, ancient history, or archaeology.

Career Counseling and Job Placement

Students can explore career options by utilizing Career Connection as well as the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Providing complimentary services, Career Connection focuses on helping students establish a career direction, while the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office assists students with finding internships-experiences that are essential to testing out the suitability of career fields they are considering. Located in 48 Townshend Hall, the Arts and Sciences Career services Office also assists seniors and recent graduates with finding entry-level career employment. More information about both offices is found at asccareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

Contact Information (please add History’s website to existing information)

History.osu.edu

Curriculum Sample

This is a sample list of classes a student may take to pursue a major in Classics and Ancient History. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete the General Education Curriculum (GEC). The GEC will allow students to develop the fundamental skills essential to collegiate success across major programs. Course work options satisfying the GEC often come from a variety of academic areas of study allowing students to tailor their GEC toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Classics and Ancient History.

Freshman Year

<i>Classics 222</i>	Classical Mythology	5
<i>Hist 301</i>	Introduction to Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	5
<i>HumCol 100</i>	Humanities Survey	1
<i>ARTSSCI 137.01</i>	Freshman Seminar	1
GEC courses and electives		40
Total hours		52

Sophomore Year

<i>Lat 210</i>	Cicero	5
<i>Hist 501.01</i>	History of Archaic Greece	5
<i>Classics 230</i>	Medicine in the Ancient World	5
GEC courses and electives		35

Total hours **50**

Junior Year

Lat 211 Vergil 5

Lat 213 Ovid 5

Hist 503.01 History of the Roman Republic 5

GEC courses and electives 30

Total hours **45**

Senior Year

Classics 699 Senior Tutorial and Essay 5

Lat 614 Readings in Roman Lyric and Erotic Poetry 5

Hist 504.02 The Ancient Mediterranean City 5

GEC courses and electives 30

Total hours **45**