

CLASSICAL STUDIES, BA: CLASSICAL LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Classical Studies encompasses the civilization of the ancient Greeks and Romans from prehistory to the Middle Ages, with emphasis on the literature, philosophy, and history of the classical Greek and Roman periods. It includes economic, political, social, and intellectual history as well as philosophy, archaeology, religion, and myth. Students may choose a track that emphasizes the study of texts in Greek and/or Latin or opt for a program of courses that do not require any knowledge of the ancient languages. The Classical Studies Department provides extensive training at the Undergraduate level and graduate training in both Classical Studies and Ancient History. We also offer a special Post-Baccalaureate Program for students who wish to continue the study of Greek and Latin but who do not yet meet the requirements of a conventional graduate program.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 32. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://www.classics.upenn.edu/>

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Cluster 1: Core Introductory Courses</i>		
ANCH 0101	Strife: A History of the Greeks	1
ANCH 0102	Ancient Rome	1
<i>Cluster 2: Fields of Classical Studies</i>		
Select 4 course units in:		4
ANCH 0000:1999		
CLST 0000:4999		
GREK 0000:1999		
LATN 0000:1999		
Any Course numbered 0000–1999 with an attribute of ACLB - Classical Studies Related Crs Other Dept (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aclb/)		
Or any course approved by the Undergraduate Chair		
<i>Cluster 3: Advanced Topics</i>		
Select 3 course units in Advanced Greek or Latin:		3
GREK 3000:4999		
LATN 3000:4999		
Select 3 course units in Specialized Electives:		3
ANCH 3000:4999		
CLST 3000:4999		
GREK 3000:4999		
LATN 3000:4999		

Any Course numbered 2000 or higher with an attribute of ACLB - Classical Studies Related Crs Other Dept (<http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/aclb/>)

Or any course approved by the Undergraduate Chair

Equity Requirement

One of the following courses may be taken to fulfill the equity requirement. May also count in clusters 2 or 3

CLST 0017	Private Life in Ancient Rome
CLST 0019	Town and Country in Ancient Greece
ANCH 1205	Race and Ethnicity in the Ancient World
CLST 1206	Citizenship, Belonging and Exclusion in the Roman World
CLST 1600	Dangerous Books of Antiquity
CLST 1601	Ancient Drama
ANCH 3207	Cleopatra
CLST 3209	Foreigners in Rome
CLST 3212	Sirens, Satyrs and the Monstrous Imagination
CLST 3317	Archaeologies of Subalternity
CLST 3805	Classical Studies in Philadelphia Schools
LATN 3207	Writing Women at Rome

In lieu of one of these courses, a seminar paper or project completed in the following classes might be used. For this latter option, the project must be pre-approved by the course instructor and the undergraduate chair. The Senior Research Paper cannot be used to fulfill this requirement. Courses that could support such papers include (but are not limited to):

CLST 1700	Classical Traditions
CLST 3204	Lies My Ancient History Teacher Told Me
CLST 3301	Excavating Ancient Cities: Troy & Gordion
CLST 3504	Greek and Roman Magic
CLST 3701	Odyssey & Its Afterlife
CLST 3704	The Iliad and its Afterlife

Total Course Units **32**

¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

Honors

Honors Thesis

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.