



Classical Studies: A Profile



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Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures

Ancient Greece and Rome
are central to Western culture.
They have shaped art and
architecture, literature and
philosophy, as well as the social
and political institutions of
Western civilizations.

Rice's program in classical studies offers courses across the entire field of Greek and Roman culture, from the study of classical languages to Greek and Roman literature and the influence of Greece and Rome throughout history.

Students come to the study of ancient Greece and Rome with a whole spectrum of different interests. Some will want to concentrate on learning the ancient languages and reading classical texts in original Greek or Latin. Others will desire a broader introduction to the cultures of Greece and Rome and their legacy. With this in mind, classical studies provides maximum flexibility without sacrifice of focus. We cater to students who wish to prepare for graduate school in classics and also to students who are interested in Greek and Roman culture for other reasons and wish to take a less specialized approach.

As such, the classical studies program offers a major with two different tracks as well as three minors.

The Major

For the B.A. in classical studies, students can opt either for a classical languages specialization or a classical civilizations specialization. The classical languages specialization emphasizes the ancient languages and reading classical texts in the original; the classical civilizations specialization allows for a broader set of approaches and does not include a language requirement.

For the classical languages specialization, students must complete 30 credit hours (10 courses) listed under Greek, Latin or classics, including six hours (two courses) at the 300 level or higher; two of the following four courses: CLAS 107-Greek Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 108-Roman Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 235-Classical Mythology and CLAS 336-Introduction to Indo-European; one course in Greek at the 200 level or higher; one course in Latin at the 200 level or higher; and one course in either Greek or Latin at the 300 level or higher.

For the classical civilizations specialization, students must complete 30 credit hours (10 courses) listed under Greek, Latin or classics, including six hours (two courses) at the 300 level or higher and two of the following four courses: CLAS 107-Greek Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 108-Roman Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 235-Classical Mythology and CLAS 336-Introduction to Indo-European. In addition to courses listed under "classics," some courses offered by the art history, history and philosophy departments also satisfy requirements for the classical studies major. For advice about which ones, consult the program adviser, Hilary Mackie.

Classical studies majors will also, if they wish, have the opportunity to engage in research. In the final year of study, a student majoring in classical studies may enroll in CLAS 493 and 494, in which the student writes a senior thesis on a topic of the student's choice and in close consultation with a particular faculty member. Further information is available from faculty members.

The Minors

For all minors, students must complete 18 credit hours (six courses).

For the minor in classical civilizations, students must complete two of the following core requirements: CLAS 107-Greek Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 108-Roman Civilization and Its Legacy, CLAS 235-Classical Mythology, and CLAS 336-Introduction to Indo-European. In addition, students must take four elective courses from departmental course offerings in CLAS, GREE or LATI. Of all courses for the classical civilizations minor, at least three courses must be at the 300 level or above.

For the minor in Greek language and literature, students must complete CLAS 107-Greek Civilization and Its Legacy as a core requirement. In addition, students must take five GREE courses, including two at the 300 level or above. CLAS 336-Introduction to Indo-European may be substituted for any one of the five GREE courses.

For the minor in Latin language and literature, students must complete CLAS 108-Roman Civilization and Its Legacy as a core requirement. In addition, students must take five LATI courses, including two at the 300 level or above. CLAS 336-Introduction to Indo-European may be substituted for any one of the five LATI courses.

Study Abroad

Students in the classical studies program are encouraged to study for a semester at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, which maintains programs in Rome. The centerpiece of the Rome program is the City Course, which includes travel to Rome to study firsthand the history, archaeology and monuments of the city. The course also includes excursions to Pompeii and Herculaneum. For additional information, please contact Scott McGill.

In addition to Rome, classical studies also offers study abroad opportunities in Athens. Rice is a member organization of The American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and we also cooperate with the International Center for Hellenic & Mediterranean Studies. For additional information, please contact Harvey Yunis.

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