



CENTER FOR CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Major Possibilities: Classics

Quick Facts

- Classics majors should have an interest in learning both the Latin and Greek languages. Four courses in each language are required for the major.
- Majoring in Classics is good preparation for many graduate programs since students learn to synthesize seemingly disparate information. The Princeton Review writes that "...Classics majors get on well in life because they develop intellectual rigor, communication skills, analytical skills, the ability to handle complex information, and above all, a breadth of view which few other disciplines can provide."
- If possible, students should study abroad to gain firsthand knowledge of the Greek and Roman cultures. High-impact experiences like study abroad and internships help shape professional identities, develop 21st century career-readiness skills, and make meaning of the academic experience.

Classics Major Synopsis

The Classics major is an interdisciplinary major that combines foundational courses in Latin and Greek with the disciplines of literature, anthropology, archaeology, art history, religion, philosophy, and history. A strong knowledge of the Greek and Latin languages is essential to the major, as students will read texts in their original languages. Ultimately, Classics majors will take four courses of college-level Greek and four courses of college-level Latin, with an additional eight hours of Greek or Latin courses above the introductory level. They will also need at least one Classics in Translation course. The Capstone experience consists of a semester-long research project encompassing a wide range of topics within the area of Classical studies. The project culminates with an oral presentation to an interdepartmental committee chosen by the student and faculty project advisor. Majors are strongly advised to take advantage of opportunities to study or excavate abroad.

Greek and Latin Major Synopses

Students can also choose to major or minor in Greek or Latin. These students will take a total of 32 semester hours in their language of choice. The Latin major enables students to study the literature and culture of the Roman world, from the formative years of the Republic to the expansion of the Empire. Greek majors will study the Homeric epics, followed by literature of the archaic, classical, and Hellenistic periods. In addition to courses in their respective majors, students of Greek and Latin are strongly urged to take interdisciplinary courses on ancient civilization, philosophy, literature, mythology, art, and archaeology.

Greek and Latin majors are also encouraged to study for a semester or year at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies or at College Year at Athens. The Capstone consists of a semester-long research project encompassing a wide range of topics within the area of Greek or Latin studies. The project culminates with an oral presentation to an interdepartmental committee chosen by the student and the faculty project advisor.

Sample Job Titles

ARTS, MEDIA, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Advertising Executive
Appraiser
Archivist
Copywriter
Designer
Editor
Fundraiser

Publicist
Sales Representative
Technical Writer
Theatrical Producer
Translator
Information Specialist
Journalist

INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Advertising
Art Buyer/Seller
Customer Service Representative
Finance Analyst

GOVERNMENT, SERVICE, AND EDUCATION

Administrator

Archaeologist
Curator
Human Resources Specialist
Information Specialist
Lawyer
Management
Marketing Researcher
Historian

Library Specialist
Lobbyist
Museum Technician
Paralegal
Policy Analyst
Program Manager
Researcher
Teacher

Technical Writer
University Professor
Medical Professional
Public Relations Specialist
Sales Representative
Travel Consultant

Sample Internship Employers of SU Students

Magazine Publishers of America
Pace University - New York, NY
Texas Historical Commission - Austin, TX
The American University - Washington, DC
The Museum of Modern Art - New York, NY
US Department of State - Washington, DC
St. Andrew's Episcopal School - Austin, TX
Williamson Museum - Georgetown, TX

Sample Full-Time Employers of SU Grads

Bookkeeper (Galerie Simonne Stern)
Latin Teacher (Plano West High School)
Latin Teacher (St. Michael's Catholic Academy)
Legal Assistant (Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP)
OASIS Data Coordinator (Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice of South Texas)

Sample Study Abroad Programs

American Academy - Rome, Italy
The American School of Classical Studies - Athens, Greece
Center for Hellenistic Studies - Washington, DC
College Year in Athens - www.cyathens.org
Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome - http://gloaled.duke.edu/programs/rome_ICCS

Professional Associations

American Classical League
American Philosophical Association
Archaeological Institute of America
Association of Ancient Historians
Eta Sigma Phi – National collegiate honor society for students of Greek and/or Latin
National Committee for Latin and Greek
Society for Classical Studies
The Classical Association