

COURSES:

CLASSICS MAJOR:

Students may not minor in both classical studies and classics.

10 units in addition to proficiency in Latin or Greek (LAT 1034, GRK 1034 or the equivalent) including:

- CLA 1014 Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology
- CLA 2144 The Roman Empire (or HIST 2244)
- CLA 2234 The Literature of the Greco-Roman World
- HIST 2224 Archaic and Classical Greece
- CLA 4444 Capstone Seminar

plus 5 electives, 3 of which must have CLA, HIST, LAT or GRK prefixes. 3 must be at 3000-level or above

MINORS

There are two tracks for the minors. Classics includes study of Latin or ancient Greek through third semester level. Classical studies does not have a language requirement

CLASSICS MINOR:

- CLA 1014 Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology

LAT 1034 Latin III

plus 4 additional courses

CLASSICAL STUDIES MINOR:

- CLA 1014 Introduction to Greek and Roman Mythology

plus 6 additional courses

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ABOUT THE MAJOR:

The interdisciplinary classics major at Transylvania will give you a liberal arts education and help prepare you for success in a broad range of career paths. You will explore great literary texts, major philosophical ideas, political theory and practice, gender and sexuality, the nature of war and diplomacy, and the power of architecture and the fine arts.

The classics major will broaden and develop your knowledge and understanding of the Greco-Roman world and make you more aware of the powerful ways the material and written remains of ancient Greece and Rome, reinterpreted across more than two millennia of classical scholarship, have shaped Western thinking, culture, society and politics.

You will examine challenging questions in a large historical frame, work with different literary genres and fields (epigraphy, textual criticism, numismatics) and develop the knowledge and skills to work critically with primary evidence and modern scholarship as you develop your own positions on complex issues. In the process, you will pick up the habits of a liberal arts student, including curiosity and a creative and disciplined open-mindedness.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MAJOR:

- Sodalitas Classics Club
- Chapter of National Classics Honorary Eta Sigma Phi
- Presenting research at conferences

STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES:

- Greece
- Italy
- Turkey
- Jordan
- Egypt
- Israel

COURSES OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Augustan Rome
- Diplomacy and War in Antiquity
- Greek and Roman Mythology
- Ancient Medicine
- Birth of Fantasy Literature
- Gender and Sexuality
- Frontiers of the Roman Empire
- Spartacus

WHERE OUR GRADUATES STUDY:

- Florida State University
- University of Chicago
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Kentucky

POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS:

- Analyst in a variety of fields
- Attorney
- Museum curator
- Professional writer
- Publishing
- Teaching

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“Our students develop a very marketable set of skills—textual analysis, careful attention to detail, greater command of English vocabulary including technical terminology, expert writing, clear and cogent reasoning, effective use of evidence and familiarity with a variety of scholarly methods of investigation. Students also will develop broad historical and cultural perspectives.”

John Svarlien, Professor of Classics

