

Classical Civilizations

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Classical Civilizations is an interdisciplinary "area studies" major. It provides students with the opportunity to explore the rich diversity of classical antiquity in depth, in company with a relatively small cohort of undergraduates. While language study is an option, the major may be completed entirely in English. This major serves as excellent preparation for many different careers including law, medicine, teaching, writing, and business, as well as for graduate study in fields such as Anthropology, Archaeology, History, and Art History.

Declaring the Major

To declare the major, meet with the Classics undergraduate advisor, who can help you create a course plan and complete the declaration. You may also want to review the Letters & Science advising site for a guide to declaring a major (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/schedule-planning/choosing-major/>). For a detailed list of requirements, please see the Major Requirements tab.

Honors Program

Students who are declared majors in Classical Civilizations and who have a GPA (both general and departmental) of at least 3.6 are eligible for honors in Classical Civilizations. The honors program consists of a two-semester course sequence — CLASSIC H195A and CLASSIC H195B that is designed to support the writing of a thesis. This thesis, which will be evaluated by an honors committee of three members, may either build on work in a previous upper division course used in fulfillment of the Classical Civilizations major or may be a newly conceived project. It is due the Monday of the 13th week of the semester in which Classics H195B is taken.

Further details can be found online at Classics Undergraduate Honors (<http://www.classics.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate/honors/>). Please consult with a Classics undergraduate advisor to begin planning to participate in honors.

Minor Program

The minor in Classical Civilizations consists of five upper division courses in the Classics Department. Courses or seminars taught by Classics professors in other departments may also be accepted, in consultation with the Undergraduate Faculty Adviser. One of the five courses may be taken outside of the department on campus or abroad with the approval of an Undergraduate Faculty Adviser.

Other Major and Minor Programs Offered by the Department of Classics

Classical Languages (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/classical-languages/>) (Major only)
Greek (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/greek/>) (Major and Minor)
Latin (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/latin/>) (Major and Minor)

In addition to the University, campus, and college requirements, listed on the College Requirements tab, students must fulfill the below requirements specific to their major program.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the major requirements below must be taken for graded credit (except for courses taken in Spring 2020), other than courses listed which are offered on a *Pass/No Pass* basis only. Other exceptions to this requirement are noted as applicable.
2. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs, with the exception of minors offered outside of the College of Letters & Science.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements (except for courses taken in Spring 2020).

For information regarding residence requirements and unit requirements, please see the College Requirements tab.

Summary of Major Requirements

Lower Division: Two required courses	8
Lower Division: One elective course	4
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Classics 130 - One course	4
Upper Division: Five elective Classics courses	20
Pre-Modern Culture: One course	4
Total Units	40-46

Lower Division Required Courses

CLASSIC 10A	Course Not Available ¹	4
	or CLASSIC 17A Course Not Available	
CLASSIC 10B	Course Not Available ¹	4
	or CLASSIC 17B Course Not Available	

- ¹ CLASSIC R44 may be substituted for either CLASSIC 10A/17A or CLASSIC 10A/17B, but not both.

Lower Division Elective

Select one of the following:	4-10
CLASSIC 10A	Course Not Available [4] ^q
CLASSIC 10B	Course Not Available [4] ^q
CLASSIC 17A	Course Not Available ^q
CLASSIC 17B	Course Not Available ¹
CLASSIC 28	Course Not Available
CLASSIC N28	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 29	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 34	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 35	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 36	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 39A	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 39B	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 39D	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 39K	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC R44	Course Not Available [5] ¹
CLASSIC 50	Course Not Available [4]
LATIN 1	Elementary Latin [4] ²
LATIN 2	Elementary Latin [4] ²

LATIN 15	The Latin Workshop [10] (Meets both lower division requirements) ²
GREEK 1	Elementary Ancient Greek [4] ²
GREEK 2	Elementary Greek [4] ²
GREEK 15	The Greek Workshop [10] (Meets both lower division requirements) ²

Total Units 4-10

¹ Courses used to meet lower division requirement excluded.

² Language courses used to meet one upper division Classics requirement excluded.

Classics 130 Requirement

Select one of the following: 4

CLASSIC 130	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130A	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130B	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130C	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130D	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130E	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130F	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130G	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130H	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130I	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130J	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130K	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130L	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130M	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130N	Course Not Available [4]
CLASSIC 130P	Course Not Available [4]

Total Units 4

Classics Elective Requirement

Select five of the following: 20-30

CLASSIC 121	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 124	Course Not Available
CLASSIC 130	Course Not Available ¹
CLASSIC 130A	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130B	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130C	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130D	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130E	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130F	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130G	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130H	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130I	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130J	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130K	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130L	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130M	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130N	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 130P	Course Not Available [4] ¹
CLASSIC 161	Course Not Available

CLASSIC 163 Course Not Available

CLASSIC 170C Course Not Available

CLASSIC 172 Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC N172 Course Not Available

CLASSIC N172B Course Not Available

CLASSIC 170A Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC 170D Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC 175A Course Not Available

CLASSIC 175D Course Not Available

CLASSIC 175F Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC C175 Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC 175C Course Not Available [4]

CLASSIC 180 Course Not Available [4]

GREEK 1 Elementary Ancient Greek
& GREEK 2 and Elementary Greek²

GREEK 15 The Greek Workshop [10]²

Any upper division courses in Greek

LATIN 1 Elementary Latin
& LATIN 2 and Elementary Latin²

LATIN 15 The Latin Workshop [10]²

Any upper division courses in Latin

Total Units 20-30

¹ Cannot be used to fulfill elective requirement if used to fulfill Classics 130 requirement.

² Courses used to meet lower division requirements excluded.

Pre-Modern Culture Requirement

One course, either lower or upper division, taken outside the department and involving a pre-modern culture other than Greco-Roman (though the course can include an overlapping culture, e.g., Ancient Egypt). Many departments offer courses that can fulfill this requirement (e.g., English, History, History of Art, South & South-East Asian Studies).

The faculty advisor will consult with the student to select a course to meet the Pre-Modern Culture Requirement. The list below includes examples of accepted courses. There are many options available on campus and transfer courses may be accepted based on approval of a course syllabus and reading list.

These courses are listed for the purposes of example: 4

ANTHRO 2	Introduction to Archaeology [4]
ANTHRO 2AC	Introduction to Archaeology [4]
ANTHRO 122A	Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of North America [4]
ANTHRO 122C	Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of Central America [4]
ANTHRO 122D	Archaeology of the Americas: World of Ancient Maya [4]
ANTHRO 122F	Archaeology of the Americas: California Archaeology [4]
ANTHRO 122G	Archaeology of the Americas: Archaeology of the American Southwest [4]
ANTHRO 123A	Old World Prehistory [4]
ANTHRO 123E	Old World Cultures: Mediterranean Archaeology [4]

ANTHRO 124A	Pacific Cultures: Archaeology of the South Pacific [4]
ANTHRO C125	Archaeology of East Asia [4]
BUDDSTD C12B	Buddhism on the Silk Road [4]
BUDDSTD C13	Tantric Traditions of Asia [4]
CELTIC 70	The World of the Celts [4]
CELTIC 128	Medieval Celtic Culture [4]
CELTIC 168	Celtic Mythology and Oral Tradition [4]
EA LANG C17E	Archaeology of East Asia [4]
HISTORY 6A	History of China: Origins to the Mongol Conquest [4]
HISTORY 109A	The Rise of Islamic Civilization, 600-1200 [4]
HISTORY 112A	Precolonial Africa [4]
HISTART 34	Arts of China [4]
HISTART C120A	The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 3500-1000 BCE [4]
HISTART C12C	The Art of Ancient Mesopotamia: 1000-330 BCE [4]
HISTART 130A	Early Chinese Art, Part I [4]
HISTART 131A	Sacred Arts in China [4]
HISTART 136A	South Asian Art: Ancient [4]
NE STUD 15	Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology [4]
NE STUD 18	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 25	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 101	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 102E	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 103	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 104	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 105A	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 106A	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 106B	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 109	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 110	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 113	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 115	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD C12C	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 123	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 124	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 126	Course Not Available [3]
NE STUD 127	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD C129	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 128	Course Not Available [4]
NE STUD 135	Course Not Available [4]
SCANDIN 60	Heroic Legends of the North [4]
SCANDIN 125	Old Norse Literature [4]
SCANDIN 160	Scandinavian Myth and Religion [4]
SASIAN 140	Hindu Mythology [4]
SASIAN 142	India's Great Epics [4]

Total Units 4

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs

have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.
2. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit (except for courses taken in Spring 2020).
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

Upper Division

Five upper division courses in the Classics Department. Courses or seminars taught by Classics professors in other departments may also be accepted, in consultation with the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor. One of the five courses may be taken outside of the department on campus or abroad with the approval of the Undergraduate Faculty Advisor.

Undergraduate students must fulfill the following requirements in addition to those required by their major program.

For detailed lists of courses that fulfill college requirements, please review the College of Letters & Sciences (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/>) page in this Guide. For College advising appointments, please visit the L&S Advising (<https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/about-undergraduate-advising-services/>) Pages.

University of California Requirements

Entry Level Writing (<http://writing.berkeley.edu/node/78/>)

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing requirement. Fulfillment of this requirement is also a prerequisite to enrollment in all reading and composition courses at UC Berkeley.

American History and American Institutions (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/american-history-institutions-requirement/>)

The American History and Institutions requirements are based on the principle that a US resident graduated from an American university, should have an understanding of the history and governmental institutions of the United States.

Berkeley Campus Requirement

American Cultures (<http://americancultures.berkeley.edu/students/courses/>)

All undergraduate students at Cal need to take and pass this course in order to graduate. The requirement offers an exciting intellectual environment centered on the study of race, ethnicity and culture of the United States. AC courses offer students opportunities to be part of research-led, highly accomplished teaching environments, grappling with the complexity of American Culture.

College of Letters & Science Essential Skills Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/quantitative-reasoning-requirement/>)

The Quantitative Reasoning requirement is designed to ensure that students graduate with basic understanding and competency in math, statistics, or computer science. The requirement may be satisfied by exam or by taking an approved course.

Foreign Language (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/foreign-language-requirement/>)

The Foreign Language requirement may be satisfied by demonstrating proficiency in reading comprehension, writing, and conversation in a foreign language equivalent to the second semester college level, either by passing an exam or by completing approved course work.

Reading and Composition (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/reading-composition-requirement/>)

In order to provide a solid foundation in reading, writing, and critical thinking the College requires two semesters of lower division work in composition in sequence. Students must complete parts A & B reading and composition courses by the end of their second semester and a second-level course by the end of their fourth semester.

College of Letters & Science 7 Course Breadth Requirements

Breadth Requirements (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/colleges-schools/letters-science/#breadthrequirementstext>)

The undergraduate breadth requirements provide Berkeley students with a rich and varied educational experience outside of their major program. As the foundation of a liberal arts education, breadth courses give students a view into the intellectual life of the University while introducing them to a multitude of perspectives and approaches to research and scholarship. Engaging students in new disciplines and with peers from other majors, the breadth experience strengthens interdisciplinary

connections and context that prepares Berkeley graduates to understand and solve the complex issues of their day.

Unit Requirements

- 120 total units
- Of the 120 units, 36 must be upper division units
- Of the 36 upper division units, 6 must be taken in courses offered outside your major department

Residence Requirements

For units to be considered in "residence," you must be registered in courses on the Berkeley campus as a student in the College of Letters & Science. Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through UC Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to meet an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Note: Courses taken through UC Extension do not count toward residence.

Senior Residence Requirement

After you become a senior (with 90 semester units earned toward your BA degree), you must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in residence in at least two semesters. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 6 passed units. Intercampus Visitor, EAP, and UC Berkeley-Washington Program (UCDC) units are excluded.

You may use a Berkeley Summer Session to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence requirement, provided that you successfully complete 6 units of course work in the Summer Session and that you have been enrolled previously in the college.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP), Berkeley Summer Abroad, or the UC Berkeley Washington Program (UCDC) may meet a Modified Senior Residence requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after you have completed 90 units.

Upper Division Residence Requirement

You must complete in residence a minimum of 18 units of upper division courses (excluding UCEAP units), 12 of which must satisfy the requirements for your major.

Summary of Modifications

1. L&S College Requirements: Reading & Composition, Quantitative Reasoning, and Foreign Language, which typically must be satisfied with a letter grade, can be satisfied with a Passed (P) grade during Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 if a student elects to take the course for P/ NP. Note: This does not include Entry Level Writing (College Writing R1A).
2. Requirements within L&S majors and minors can be satisfied with Passed (P) grades during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. This includes prerequisites for majors. Contact your intended or declared major/minor adviser (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2020-21/undergraduate/degree-programs/>) for more details.

3. Departments may create alternative methods for admitting students into their majors.
4. L&S students will not be placed on academic probation automatically for taking all of their courses P/NP during Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

Mission

The learning goals should be understood in the context of the mission statement of the Department of Classics. The first two components of that statement are especially relevant to undergraduate teaching and are repeated here:

- To give students across the University access to the literature, history, archaeology, mythology and philosophy of the ancient Greek and Roman world through an array of undergraduate courses on classical culture in translation. These courses introduce students to texts, artifacts, and ideas that are worth studying both in their own right and as abidingly influential elements in the imagination and history of later cultures. Such study deepens students' understanding of present-day issues by inculcating a sense of historical perspective that takes account of both the differences and the continuities between contemporary and ancient cultures.
- To enable undergraduates to immerse themselves in the language and culture of ancient Greece and Rome through its majors in Greek, Latin, and Classical Civilizations. These majors equip students with knowledge and analytical skills that can be applied in many areas (e.g., law, politics, business, biosciences, computer science and media) as well as providing essential preparation for graduate study in classics, comparative literature, philosophy, and other fields.

Learning Goals for the Major

1. Acquire a basic understanding of ancient Greek and Latin texts (in translation) and/or material culture, including major monuments, sites, and works of art.
2. Demonstrate a more advanced knowledge of a particular concentration within classics (classical art and archaeology, or classical history and culture, or Greek language, or Latin language).
3. Learn to identify and understand key events, institutions, personalities, places, and concepts of ancient Greek and Roman culture.
4. Gain a critical awareness of continuities and differences between and within cultures and of ideologies of gender, group identity, social status, and political organization.
5. Demonstrate the ability to interpret texts and material culture and to understand the implications of interpretive methods.
6. Demonstrate the ability to synthesize a well-organized argument from textual or other evidence and to express it in formal English prose.

Major Maps help undergraduate students discover academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities at UC Berkeley based on intended major or field of interest. Developed by the Division of Undergraduate Education in collaboration with academic departments, these experience maps will help you:

- **Explore** your major and gain a better understanding of your field of study
- **Connect** with people and programs that inspire and sustain your creativity, drive, curiosity and success

- **Discover** opportunities for independent inquiry, enterprise, and creative expression
- **Engage** locally and globally to broaden your perspectives and change the world
- **Reflect** on your academic career and prepare for life after Berkeley

Use the major map below as a guide to planning your undergraduate journey and designing your own unique Berkeley experience.

View the Classical Civilizations Major Map PDF. (https://vcue.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/classical_civilizations.pdf)

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