CLASSICAL HUMANITIES, B.A.

The classical humanities major allows students to combine their love of ancient language with the exploration of the literature, civilization, and culture of Greece, Rome, and the Ancient Near East.

Students study Greek, Latin, or Biblical Hebrew in two or four semester combinations, and they choose from a wide selection of complementary courses, including topics in art, architecture, archaeology, history, literature, philosophy, and politics. In addition to supporting their language study, these subjects enable our majors to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the ancient world.

To support classical humanities majors as they pursue their educational goals, CANES provides annual scholarship opportunities. We also offer a summer study abroad program led by members of our faculty. Learn more under “Resources and Scholarships.”

HOW TO GET IN

Declaring the classical humanities major is as easy as meeting with the CANES advisor. Make an appointment today (https://calendar.wisc.edu/scheduling-assistant/public/profiles/YjfjFEtg.html).

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext) section of the Guide.

Mathematics
- Fulfilled with completion of University General Education Quantitative Reasoning a (QR A) and Quantitative Reasoning b (QR B) coursework. Please note that some majors may require students to complete additional math coursework beyond the B.A. mathematics requirement.

Foreign Language
- Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
- Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language

Note: A unit is one year of high school work or one semester/term of college work.

L&S Breadth
- Humanities, 12 credits: 6 of the 12 credits must be in literature
- Social Sciences, 12 credits
- Natural Sciences, 12 credits: must include one 3+ credit course in the biological sciences; must include one 3+ credit course in the physical sciences

Non–L&S Students Pursuing an L&S Major

Non–L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements and do not need to complete the L&S breadth and degree requirements above. Please note that the following special degree programs are not considered majors so are not available to non–L&S degree-seeking candidates:

- Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics (Bachelor of Science–Applied Mathematics, Engineering and Physics)

College of Letters & Science Breadth and Degree Requirements: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum. View a comparison of the degree requirements here. (https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf)
• Journalism (Bachelor of Arts–Journalism; Bachelor of Science–Journalism)
• Music (Bachelor of Music)
• Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

The classical humanities major consists of a combination of courses in ancient culture and classical languages. The major requirements are divided into three areas: Language, Literature and Culture, and Seminar.

Students typically earn 32–34 credits from these three areas to complete the major requirements; 18 credits are required in the Literature and Culture, and Seminar categories. The requirements for the major are:

### LANGUAGE

Complete one of the following language tracks: ¹

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Students who place into higher than the first-semester language course may be eligible to earn retroactive language credits (http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#policiesandregulationstext).

### LITERATURE AND CULTURE

15 credits, of which 9 credits must be numbered 300 and higher. A maximum 6 credits may come from courses outside of and that are not cross-listed in CLASSICS, GREEK and LATIN:

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Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in Medieval Civilization

Ancient Texts, Modern Contexts

The Literature of Ancient Rome

Greek and Roman Medicine and Pharmacy

Topics in Classical Literature

Undergraduate Seminar: Approaches to the Classical World

The Ancient Mediterranean City

Senior Honors Thesis

Senior Thesis

Directed Reading

Greek Drama

Greek Drama and Lyric Poetry

Elementary Prose Composition

Homer

Hesiod

Greek Lyric Poets

Greek Comedy

Greek Tragedy

Thucydides

Plato

Attic Orators

Hellenistic Greek

Plutarch

Honors Thesis

Senior Honors Thesis

Senior Thesis

Senior Thesis

Directed Study

Latin Literature of the Roman Republic

Latin Literature of the Roman Empire

Elementary Prose Composition

Vergil

Latin Poetry

Roman Drama

Roman Elegy

Roman Lyric Poetry

Roman Satire

Roman Novel

Latin Historical Writers

Latin Philosophical Writers

Latin Oratory

Mediaeval Latin

Honors Thesis

Senior Honors Thesis

Senior Thesis

Senior Thesis

Directed Study

History of Western Art I: From Pyramids to Cathedrals

Greek Sculpture

Icons, Religion, and Empire: Early Christian and Byzantine Art, ca. 200-1453

Cities and Sanctuaries of Ancient Greece

Proseminar in Ancient Art

The World of Late Antiquity (200-900 C.E.)

Western Intellectual and Religious History to 1500

A History of Greek Civilization

A History of Rome

Ancient and Medieval Science

Western Culture: Literature and the Arts I

Western Culture: Political, Economic, and Social Thought I

History of Ancient Philosophy

Classical Philosophers

Development of Ancient and Medieval Western Political Thought

Total Credits

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2 The Undergraduate Seminar course is typically offered every spring semester; it is normally taken senior year.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

2.000 GPA in all CLASSICS, GREEK and LATIN courses and all other courses in the major

2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence

15 credits in CLASSICS, GREEK and LATIN, taken on the UW–Madison campus

Courses with intermediate and advanced level are considered upper level in this major.
HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Classical Humanities Major in consultation with the Classical Humanities undergraduate advisor.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR IN CLASSICAL HUMANITIES: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major in Classical Humanities, students must satisfy both the requirements for the major (above) and the following additional requirements:

• Earn a 3.300 overall university GPA
• Earn a 3.500 GPA in all CLASSICS, LATIN, and GREEK courses, and all courses accepted in the major, at the intermediate or advanced level
• Complete the following coursework:
  • At least 9 credits, taken for Honors, with a grade of B or better, from the list of Literature and Culture requirements above
  • A two-semester Senior Honors Thesis in CLASSICS 681 Senior Honors Thesis and CLASSICS 682 Senior Honors Thesis, for a total of 6 credits.

UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Total Degree

To receive a bachelor’s degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

Residency

Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

Quality of Work

Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Gain knowledge of the ancient Roman, Greek, and Near Eastern civilizations.
2. Gain competency with contemporary scholarly questions surrounding their historical significance and interpretation.
3. Develop critical methodologies, including the ability to engage in source criticism and to approach ancient civilizations on their own terms.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

How does the classical humanities major fit into my educational goals?

While there are a wide variety of reasons to visit your major advisor, there seem to be two recurring questions:

1. Can I complete the major during the time I have left at UW?
2. Which classes will be offered in the future?

If you like to plan, seeing your major advisor is very important; it can make the difference between fitting in Ancient Greek and Roman Monsters and Introduction to Biblical Literature before you graduate. Many students also try to complete more than one major or certificate, and discussing how you might be able to reach this goal is another primary role of your major advisor. Advisors can speak to you about course content, which courses fit best with your interest areas, and what kinds of courses might work best with your learning style—e.g., do you prefer multiple choice or essays? Any and all of these discussions can occur during your advising appointment.

In addition to discussing the major, advisors know a lot about:

• General Education requirements
• Breadth requirements
• Interpreting university policies and deadlines
• Connecting majors to careers
• Getting involved with campus organizations
• Finding volunteer and/or internship opportunities
• Talking about your challenges and difficulties
• Connecting with tutors
• Choosing a study abroad program
• Practicing for interviews
• Talking about graduate school
• Proofreading resumes and cover letters

Ready to meet with the CANES advisor? Make an appointment today (https://calendar.wisc.edu/scheduling-assistant/public/profiles/YjFjFEtg.html).

CAREERS

While many students have a difficult time believing it, a humanities major such as ours enables students who complete it to consider just about any type of career or educational pursuit. Our coursework builds the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in careers ranging from politics and education to business and law.

Think about what you learn in a classroom setting as well as what you do each day to be a successful student; the skills you develop are equally important in the workplace:

• critical reading, reflection, and analysis
• proper research design and methodology
• expanded world view and exposure to new ideas/ways of thinking
• effective teamwork to advance a common project/purpose
• effective time-management and self-motivation to complete projects independently
• demonstrated writing proficiency in short and long essay format
• discussion and debate strategies
• broader knowledge of career and graduate-study options

One of the more significant skills CANES majors develop is language acquisition. Study of Greek, Latin, or Biblical Hebrew sets you apart and
demonstrates your willingness to explore and expand your understanding of history and culture. In addition, the study of ancient languages shows discipline and perseverance, since they are such difficult languages to learn. Overall, you will have a wide variety of skills and talents to start you on the path to a rewarding career. Visit our website (http://canes.wisc.edu/230.htm) for more information.

**L&S CAREER RESOURCES**

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers).

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci)

**PEOPLE**

**FACULTY**

For full faculty profiles, visit our website (https://canes.wisc.edu/faculty).

- **William Aylward:** Greek and Roman archaeology
- **Jeffrey Beneker:** Biography and historiography; Roman Republic
- **Jeffrey Blakely:** Biblical and ancient Near Eastern archaeology
- **William Brockliss:** Homer; Latin and Greek pedagogy
- **Alex Dressler:** Ancient philosophy; gender and sexuality
- **Jeremy M. Hutton:** Hebrew Bible; Northwest Semitics
- **Laura McClure:** Greek literature; gender and reception studies
- **J C McKeown:** Greek and Roman literature and culture
- **Grant Nelsestuen:** Roman cultural history; Latin prose
- **Nandini Pandey:** Latin poetry; Augustan culture
- **Vanessa Schmitz-Siebertz:** Latin Instructor
- **Mike Vanden Heuvel:** Theater and performance theory

**AFFILIATE FACULTY**

- **Nicholas Cahill:** Ancient Greek archaeology and art history
- **Emily Fletcher:** Ancient Greek philosophy
- **Paula Gottlieb:** Ancient Greek philosophy; ethics
- **Daniel Kapust:** Roman political thought; rhetoric; political theory
- **Marc Kleijwegt:** Ancient and Greek history
- **Leonora Neville:** Roman Empire (the Byzantine Empire) in the 9th-12th centuries
- **Jordan Rosenblum:** Rabbinic Judaism; biblical interpretation; food and religion
- **Claire Taylor:** Greek socio-economic history; Athenian democracy; epigraphic culture

**EMERITUS FACULTY**

Barry Powell
Ronald L. Troxel

**ACADEMIC STAFF**

Bill Bach, Department Administrator
Toni Landis, Advisor/Student Services Coordinator

**RESOURCES AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES**

In addition to routinely nominating or recommending exemplary undergraduate majors for national, regional, local and university awards, CANES offers the following competitions to classical humanities, classics, and Latin majors annually.

**RUTH M. KUHLMAN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1998 with a bequest from Myron George Kuhlman in memory of his wife, Ruth Miller Kuhlman (BS in Education ’32), this is a monetary award for undergraduates to benefit and advance their studies within the field of classics. Total amount of award may be up to $2500 and the award may not be granted every academic year depending on quality of entries and availability of funds. This competition is only open to classics, classical humanities, and Latin majors. Students should apply via Scholarships@UW (which can be accessed through their MyUW page). Generally, the online application is open in early November with a deadline for submission in early February.

**GERTRUDE E. SLAUGHTER SUMMER STUDY SCHOLARSHIP**

A monetary award in memory of Gertrude E. Slaughter, author and widow of Professor Moses S. Slaughter 1896–1923, for undergraduate students to advance their studies at an accredited center such as the American School in Athens or the American Academy in Rome, or to participate in an active archaeological field project. Awards will be in the amount of up to $800. This competition is open only to classics, classical humanities, and Latin majors. Students should apply via Scholarships@UW (which can be accessed through their MyUW page). Generally, the online application is open in early November with a deadline for submission in early February.

**LOGAN PRIZE FOR GREEK TRANSLATION**

A monetary award in memory of Fellow of Classics, John Watson Logan (Ph.D. ’23), for the translation of a passage of ancient Greek. The passage will be selected each year by the chair of the Prize Committee and awards may not be granted every academic year depending on quality of entries. This competition is open to all undergraduate students who have completed at least one semester of ancient Greek and is normally publicized in classes and to department majors in early April.

**PILLINGER PRIZE FOR LATIN TRANSLATION**

A monetary award in memory of Assistant Professor Hugh Edward Pillinger (1965-1970) for the translation of a passage in Latin. The passage will be selected each year by the chair of the Prize Committee and awards may not be granted every academic year depending on quality of entries. This competition is open to all undergraduate students who have completed at least one semester of Latin and is normally publicized in classes and to department majors in early April.
STUDY ABROAD
CANES offers two options for summer study: UW–Classics in Greece and UW–Classics in Italy.

Each three-week program is offered alternating summers and guided by a department faculty member.

To learn more, visit our website (http://canes.wisc.edu/classics-study-abroad.htm).