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/#requirementsforundergraduatetudytext) section of the Guide.

Requirements Detail

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* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE BREADTH AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of science 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)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

| Mathematics | Two (2) 3+ credits of intermediate/advanced level MATH, COMP SCI, STAT |
|            | Limit one each: COMP SCI, STAT |
| Foreign Language | Complete the third unit of a foreign language |
| 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 6 credits in biological science; and must include 6 credits in physical science |

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework 108 credits

Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work 60 intermediate or advanced credits

Major Declare and complete at least one (1) major

Total Credits 120 credits

UW-Madison 30 credits in residence, overall

Experience 30 credits in residence after the 90th credit

Minimum 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison

GPAs 2.000 in intermediate/advanced coursework at UW–Madison

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.

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:

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**Classical Humanities, B.S.**

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**LITERATURE AND CULTURE**

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CLASSICS 320 | The Greeks |
CLASSICS 322 | The Romans |
CLASSICS 330 | Ancient Epic |
CLASSICS/HEBR-BIB/JEWISH/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 332 | Prophets of the Bible |
CLASSICS/ JEWISH/ RELIG ST 335 | King David in History and Tradition |
CLASSICS 340 | Conspiracy in the Ancient and Modern Worlds |
CLASSICS/ JEWISH/ RELIG ST 346 | Jewish Literature of the Greco-Roman Period |
CLASSICS ITALIAN 350 | Rome: The Changing Shape of the Eternal City |
CLASSICS/ GEN&W S 351 | Classical World |
CLASSICS 370 | Classical Mythology |
CLASSICS 371 | Topics in Greek Culture |
CLASSICS 372 | Topics in Roman Culture |
CLASSICS 373 | Topics in Classical Culture |
CLASSICS 376 | Love Poetry of the Ancient Mediterranean |
CLASSICS 379 | Eureka! Technology and Practice in the Ancient World |
CLASSICS 430 | Topics in Classical Archaeology |
CLASSICS/ JEWISH 451 | Biblical Archaeology |
CLASSICS/ HISTORY/ RELIG ST 517 | Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean |
CLASSICS/ FRENCH/ HISTORY/ ITALIAN/ MEDIEVAL 550 | Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in Medieval Civilization |
CLASSICS 554 | Classical Backgrounds to English Literature |
CLASSICS 556 | The Literature of Ancient Rome |
CLASSICS/ HIST SCI/ HISTORY/ MED HIST/ S&A PHM 561 | Greek and Roman Medicine and Pharmacy |
CLASSICS 568 | Topics in Classical Literature |
CLASSICS 591 | Undergraduate Seminar: Approaches to the Classical World |
CLASSICS 602 | The Ancient Mediterranean City |
CLASSICS 681 | Senior Honors Thesis |
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Total Credits: 15

**HONORS IN THE MAJOR**

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

**HONORS IN THE CLASSICAL HUMANITIES MAJOR REQUIREMENTS**

To earn a B.A. or B.S. with 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, GREEK and LATIN courses, and all other courses accepted in the major, at the intermediate or advanced level
- Complete the following coursework:
  - At least 9 credits, taken for Honors, 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

Requirements Detail

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

ADVISING

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/ YvfjFEtg.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.

PEOPLE

FACULTY

William Aylward (http://canes.wisc.edu/aylward-william.htm)
Jeffrey Beneker (http://canes.wisc.edu/jeffrey-beneker.htm)
Jeffrey Blakely (http://canes.wisc.edu/178.htm)
William Brockliss (http://canes.wisc.edu/william-brockliss.htm)
Alex Dressler (http://canes.wisc.edu/alex-dressler.htm)
Jeremy M. Hutton (http://canes.wisc.edu/jeremy-hutton.htm)
Alice Mandell (http://canes.wisc.edu/176.htm)
Laura McClure (http://canes.wisc.edu/laura-mcclure.htm)
J C McKeown (http://canes.wisc.edu/jc-mckeown.htm)
Grant Nelsestuen (http://canes.wisc.edu/grant-nelsestuen.htm)
Nandini Pandey (http://canes.wisc.edu/nandini-pandey.htm)
Mike Vanden Heuvel (http://canes.wisc.edu/vanden-heuval.htm)

**EMERITUS FACULTY**
Ronald L. Troxel (http://canes.wisc.edu/ron-troxel.htm)

**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).