

CLASSICAL HUMANITIES, BA

REQUIREMENTS

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students must complete both the following Core General Education (Core GenEd) and University Degree and Quality of Work requirements. The requirements below apply to students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution is Summer 2026 or later.

Students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution occurred before Summer 2026 should refer to the archived Guide (<https://guide.wisc.edu/archive/>) for the requirements that apply to them.

CORE GENERAL EDUCATION (CORE GENED) REQUIREMENTS

Civics & Perspectives 3 credits of Civics & Perspectives coursework.

Communication & Literacy 6 credits of Communication & Literacy coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement/>)

Humanities & Arts 6 credits of Humanities & Arts coursework.

Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning 6 credits of Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement/>)

Natural Science & Wellness Complete both:

- 6 credits of Natural Science & Wellness or Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.
- one course must be in Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.

Social & Behavioral Science 3 credits of Social & Behavioral Science coursework.

Total Credits 30 credits.

For more information see the policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1095/>).

UNIVERSITY DEGREE AND QUALITY OF WORK REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate degree recipients must complete the following minimum requirements. Requirements for some programs will exceed these requirements; see program requirements for additional information.

Total Degree 120 degree credits.

Residency Complete 30 credits in residence. A course is considered "in residence" if it is taken when in undergraduate degree-seeking status and:

- is offered by UW-Madison and completed on the UW-Madison campus or at an approved off-site location, or
- is offered by UW-Madison in an online or distance format, or is completed during participation in a UW-Madison study abroad/study away program.

Quality of Work Achieve at least the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, and/or academic program.

Math Demonstrate minimal mathematics competence by:

- placing above MATH 96, or
- successfully completing MATH 96, or
- successfully completing a more advanced mathematics course such as MATH 112, MATH 113, MATH 114, MATH 141, MATH 211, or MATH 221.

English Language If required to take the UW-Madison English as a Second Language Assessment Test (MSN-ESLAT), demonstrate minimal English language competence by:

- earning credit for ESL 118, or
- achieving a qualifying MSN-ESLAT placement test score.

Language Complete one:

- 2 high school units of a single language other than English, or
- one course with the second semester Language designation.

Major Declaration Declare and complete the requirements for at least one major.

COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. Some courses satisfy more than one L&S degree requirement (visit College of Letters & Science: Requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/#requirementstext>) for details).

This major can be paired with either the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree requirements.

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Communication Complete both:

- Part A: one course with the Communication A designation or eligible UW Placement Score; and
- Part B: one course with the Communication B designation

Quantitative Reasoning	Complete both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part A: one course with the Quantitative Reasoning A designation or eligible UW Placement Score; and Part B: one course with the Quantitative Reasoning B designation
Ethnic Studies	one 3+ credit course with the Ethnic Studies designation
Language	Complete either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the fourth unit of one language other than English; or the third unit of one language other than English and the second unit of an additional language.
L&S Breadth: Humanities	Complete 12 credits with the Humanities or Literature designation, which must include at least 6 credits with the Literature designation.
L&S Breadth: Social Sciences	Complete 12 credits with the Social Science designation.
L&S Breadth: Natural Sciences	Complete 12 credits with the Natural Science, Biological Science, or Physical Science designations, which must include both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one 3+ credit course with the Biological Science designation, and one 3+ credit course with the Physical Science designation.
Liberal Arts and Science (LAS) Coursework	at least 108 credits
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	at least 60 credits at the Intermediate or Advanced level
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	at least 120 credits
UW-Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 credits in residence, overall; and 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.000 in all coursework at UW-Madison 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level 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. They do not need to complete the L&S 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.

The major requires a minimum of 28 credits and the specific requirements include:

LANGUAGE

Complete one of the following:

Code	Title	Credits
2 semesters of Greek		
GREEK 103 & GREEK 104	First Semester Ancient Greek and Second Semester Ancient Greek	8
2 semesters of Latin		
LATIN 103 & LATIN 104	First Semester Latin and Second Semester Latin	8
1 semester of accelerated Latin		
LATIN 391	Elementary Intensive Latin	4
2 semesters of Biblical Hebrew		
HEBR-BIB 103 & HEBR-BIB 104	Elementary Biblical Hebrew, I and Elementary Biblical Hebrew, II	8
1 semester of accelerated Biblical Hebrew		
HEBR-BIB 391	Intensive Elementary Biblical Hebrew	4

LITERATURE AND CULTURE

21 credits as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
Intermediate/Advanced Literature and Culture		
12		
CLASSICS/ART HIST 300	The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Greece	
CLASSICS/ART HIST 304	The Art and Archaeology of Ancient Rome	
CLASSICS 308	Sex and Violence in the Ancient Near East	
CLASSICS 310	Slavery in the Ancient Roman World	
CLASSICS 315	Africana Approaches to Biblical Interpretation	
CLASSICS 320	The Greeks	
CLASSICS 321	The Egyptians: History, Society, and Literature	
CLASSICS 322	The Romans	
CLASSICS/JEWISH/RELIG ST 323	The Bible and Film: Literature and Media	
CLASSICS/JEWISH/RELIG ST 335	King David in History and Tradition	
CLASSICS 340	Conspiracy in the Ancient and Modern Worlds	
CLASSICS/GEN&WS 351	Women and Gender in the Classical World	
CLASSICS/GEN&WS/HIST SCI/ILS 355	Sex, Gender, & the History of Medicine	
CLASSICS/GEN&WS 361	Sex and Power in Greece and Rome	
CLASSICS/HISTORY/POLI SCI 362	Athenian Democracy	

CLASSICS 371	Topics in Greek Culture
CLASSICS 373	Topics in Classical Culture
CLASSICS 420	Ancient Texts, Modern Contexts
CLASSICS 430	Topics in Classical Archaeology
CLASSICS/ ENVIR ST 488	Greeks, Romans and the Natural Environment
CLASSICS/ HISTORY/ RELIG ST 517	Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 523	Palmyra and the Palmyrenes
CLASSICS 681	Senior Honors Thesis
CLASSICS 691	Senior Thesis
CLASSICS 699	Directed Reading
GREEK 305	Third Semester Ancient Greek
GREEK 306	Fourth Semester Ancient Greek
GREEK 401	Readings in Greek Literature
GREEK 505	Greek Prose Composition
GREEK 510	Homer
GREEK 511	Hesiod
GREEK 512	Greek Lyric Poets
GREEK 520	Greek Comedy
GREEK 521	Greek Tragedy
GREEK 532	Thucydides
GREEK 541	Greek Philosophical Writers
GREEK 551	Attic Orators
GREEK 560	Hellenistic Greek
GREEK 571	Advanced Readings in Greek Literature
GREEK 681	Honors Thesis
GREEK 691	Senior Thesis
GREEK 699	Directed Study
HEBR-BIB 323	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, I
HEBR-BIB 324	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, II
LATIN 305	Third Semester Latin
LATIN 306	Fourth Semester Latin
LATIN 401	Readings in Latin Literature
LATIN 505	Latin Prose Composition
LATIN 519	Latin Poetry
LATIN 520	Roman Drama
LATIN 523	Roman Satire
LATIN 524	Roman Novel
LATIN 539	Latin Historical Writers
LATIN 549	Latin Philosophical Writers
LATIN 559	Latin Oratory
LATIN/ MEDIEVAL 563	Mediaeval Latin
LATIN 681	Honors Thesis
LATIN 691	Senior Thesis
LATIN 699	Directed Study
ART HIST 301	Myths, Loves, and Lives in Greek Vases
ART HIST 302	Greek Sculpture

ART HIST 310	Icons, Religion, and Empire: Early Christian and Byzantine Art, ca. 200-1453
ART HIST/ CLASSICS 405	Cities and Sanctuaries of Ancient Greece
ART HIST 505	Proseminar in Ancient Art
HISTORY/ RELIG ST 208	Western Intellectual and Religious History to 1500
HISTORY 303	A History of Greek Civilization
HISTORY 307	A History of Rome
PHILOS 430	History of Ancient Philosophy
PHILOS 454	Classical Philosophers
Literature and Culture Electives	
CLASSICS 100	Legacy of Greece and Rome in Modern Culture
CLASSICS 101	Topics in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
CLASSICS 102	Topics in Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Literature
CLASSICS 103	Nature, Race, and Human Difference
CLASSICS/ HISTORY 110	The Ancient Mediterranean
CLASSICS 111	Classics and Pop Culture
CLASSICS 120	Fakes, Forgeries, and the Ethical Problems in Classical Antiquities
CLASSICS 150	Ancient Greek and Roman Monsters
CLASSICS 205	Greek and Latin Origins of Medical Terms
CLASSICS 206	Classical Influences on Western Art and Science
CLASSICS/ JEWISH/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 227	Introduction to Biblical Literature (in English)
CLASSICS 270	Classical Mythology
GREEK 103	First Semester Ancient Greek
GREEK 104	Second Semester Ancient Greek
HEBR-BIB 103	Elementary Biblical Hebrew, I
HEBR-BIB 104	Elementary Biblical Hebrew, II
HEBR-BIB 391	Intensive Elementary Biblical Hebrew
LATIN 103	First Semester Latin
LATIN 104	Second Semester Latin
LATIN 391	Elementary Intensive Latin
AN SCI 240	Ancient Animals and Peoples
ART HIST 201	History of Western Art I: From Pyramids to Cathedrals
ILS 201	Western Culture: Science, Technology, Philosophy I
ILS 203	Western Culture: Literature and the Arts I
ILS 205	Western Culture: Political, Economic, and Social Thought I

Total Credits**21**

SEMINAR

Code	Title	Credits
1 course from the following:		3
CLASSICS 591	Undergraduate Seminar: Approaches to the Classical World ¹	
CLASSICS 682	Senior Honors Thesis	
CLASSICS 692	Senior Thesis	
GREEK 505	Greek Prose Composition	
GREEK 510	Homer	
GREEK 511	Hesiod	
GREEK 512	Greek Lyric Poets	
GREEK 520	Greek Comedy	
GREEK 521	Greek Tragedy	
GREEK 532	Thucydides	
GREEK 541	Greek Philosophical Writers	
GREEK 551	Attic Orators	
GREEK 560	Hellenistic Greek	
GREEK 571	Advanced Readings in Greek Literature	
GREEK 682	Senior Honors Thesis	
GREEK 692	Senior Thesis	
LATIN 505	Latin Prose Composition	
LATIN 519	Latin Poetry	
LATIN 520	Roman Drama	
LATIN 523	Roman Satire	
LATIN 524	Roman Novel	
LATIN 539	Latin Historical Writers	
LATIN 549	Latin Philosophical Writers	
LATIN 559	Latin Oratory	
LATIN/ MEDIÆVAL 563	Mediaeval Latin	
LATIN 682	Senior Honors Thesis	
LATIN 692	Senior Thesis	
Total Credits		3

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA in all CLASSICS, GREEK, HEBR-BIB, and LATIN courses, and all courses accepted in the major, at the upper-level
- Complete the following coursework:
 - 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 and CLASSICS 682, for a total of 6 credits

FOOTNOTES

- ¹ CLASSICS 591 is typically offered every spring semester; it is normally taken senior year.
- ² Courses at the Intermediate and Advanced levels are considered upper-level in this major.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all CLASSICS, GREEK, HEBR-BIB, and LATIN courses and all other courses in the major
- 2.000 GPA in 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence²
- 15 credits in CLASSICS, GREEK, and LATIN, taken on the UW-Madison campus

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: