The classical humanities major combines two semesters of language study with elective coursework that explores the literature, civilization, and culture of Greece, Rome, and the Ancient Near East. Students choose from a wide variety of courses, including everything from CLASSICS 150 Ancient Greek and Roman Monsters to CLASSICS 308 Sex and Violence in the Ancient Near East. Students will also find offerings in art, architecture, archaeology, gender studies, history, literature, philosophy, and politics. In addition to enhancing their language study, these subjects enable our majors to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the ancient world.

Latin and ancient Greek are regularly offered and provide the foundation for modern English vocabulary, giving context and insight into the history of the words we use today. Class sizes are small, making the experience more personal and creating opportunities for meaningful learning outcomes.

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.”