The widespread influence of Greece and Rome upon our own modern society, the intrinsic attraction of ancient literature, civilization, and material culture, and the interdisciplinary nature of the discipline make classics a dynamic and popular field of study. Moreover, undergraduate training in classics demands an intellectual rigor that can prepare students for more advanced training in graduate school, supplement their studies in a variety of other disciplines in the humanities, sciences, and engineering, and help them gain admittance to professional programs in law and medicine.

To this end, the Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (CANES) offers three majors and a certificate, providing a number of options for students wishing to explore their interests in classical studies. For students interested in Latin and Greek, the department offers the classics major, which requires proficiency in both languages but allows students to emphasize study of one or the other. The department also offers a Latin major only, often chosen by students interested in teaching.

The classical humanities major combines language study with the study of the literature and culture of the ancient world. Finally, the department offers the classical studies certificate, preferred by students who wish to explore literature and culture without a concentration in language.

For more information about any of these options, please contact the CANES department (http://canes.wisc.edu/).