CLASSICS, B.S.

The classics major allows students to achieve proficiency in both Greek and Latin. Majors who choose an emphasis in Greek, also complete four semesters of Latin, and likewise, those who choose an emphasis in Latin, complete four semesters of Greek as well.

Such comprehensive training enables classics majors to explore Greek and Roman literature in the original languages. From a practical standpoint, students develop analytical and critical thinking skills, and they may also become thoughtful and gifted writers in their native languages thanks to the intensive grammatical training required by the study of ancient languages.

To support our classics 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

To declare the Classics major, meet with the CANES advisor [link](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 [section of the Guide](http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatetestudytext) of the Guide.

General Education

- Breadth—Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
- Breadth—Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
- Breadth—Social Studies: 3 credits
- Communication Part A & Part B *
- Ethnic Studies *
- Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

* 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. ([link](https://pubs.wisc.edu/home/archives/ug15/images/babs2009.pdf))

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

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
- 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 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 Experience

- 30 credits in residence, overall
- 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit

Minimum GPAs

- 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison
- 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. 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)
- Journalism (Bachelor of Arts—Journalism; Bachelor of Science—Journalism)
- Music (Bachelor of Music)
- Social Work (Bachelor of Social Work)
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

A major in Classics allows students to place primary emphasis on learning Greek or Latin, yet gain some language training in both. Whether the primary language of study is Greek or Latin, the major requires 23 credits and assumes students have taken the first two semesters of both languages prior to entering the major.

CLASSICS–LATIN EMPHASIS

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RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK IN THE MAJOR

• 2.000 GPA in all CLASSICS and major courses
• 2.000 GPA on at least 15 credits of upper-level work in the major (1) • 15 credits in CLASSICS, taken at UW–Madison

1 Intermediate and Advanced level GREEK and LATIN courses are Upper-Level in the major.

HONORS IN THE MAJOR

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

HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

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

• Earn a 3.300 University GPA
• Earn a 3.500 GPA in Upper-Level work in the major
• Complete the following coursework, with a grade of B or better:
  • CLASSICS 591
  • Senior Honors Thesis (CLASSICS 681 & CLASSICS 682) for a 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 languages.
2. Develop close reading skills that emphasize accuracy and precision in translation.
3. Develop critical reading skills, especially the ability to engage in source criticism.
4. Gain competency with core texts of the ancient western and near eastern literary canon.
FOUR-YEAR PLAN

First Year
Fall Credits    Spring Credits    Total
LATIN 103 or GREEK 103  4 LATIN 104 or GREEK 104  4
Communication Part A  3 Quantitative Reasoning A  3
Physical Science Breadth  3 Ethnic Studies  3
Social Science Breadth  4 Biological Science Breadth  3
Social Science Breadth  3

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Second Year
Fall Credits    Spring Credits    Total
LATIN 203 or GREEK 305  3-4 LATIN 204 or GREEK 306  3-4
GREEK 103 or LATIN 103  4 GREEK 104 or LATIN 104  4
Communication Part B  3 Quantitative Reasoning Part B  3
Natural Science Breadth  3 Social Science Breadth  3
INTER-LS 210  1 Natural Science Breadth  3

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Third Year
Fall Credits    Spring Credits    Total
Declare the Major  LATIN 302 or GREEK 402  3
LATIN 301 or GREEK 401  3 GREEK 306 or LATIN 204  3-4
GREEK 305 or LATIN 203  3-4 Elective  3
L&S Breadth  3 Elective  3
L&S Breadth  3 Elective  3

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Fourth Year
Fall Credits    Spring Credits    Total
500-level Latin or Greek course  3 Elective  3
Elective  3 Elective  3
Elective  3 Elective  3
Elective  3 Elective  3

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Total Credits 120

1 Students following Classics with emphasis in Latin will continue the Latin sequence and begin the GREEK 103 sequence; students following Classics with emphasis in Greek will continue the Greek sequence (305 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and begin LATIN 103 sequence.

2 Students following Classics with emphasis in Latin will continue the Latin sequence and take GREEK 104; students following Classics

with emphasis in Greek will continue Greek sequence (306 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and take LATIN 104.

3 Students following Classics with emphasis in Latin will continue the Latin sequence (301 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and take GREEK 305; students following Classics with emphasis in Greek will continue the Greek sequence (401 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and take LATIN 203.

4 Students following Classics with emphasis in Latin will continue the Latin sequence (302 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and take GREEK 306; students following Classics with emphasis in Greek will continue the Greek sequence (402 fulfills L&S Breadth Literature requirement) and take LATIN 204.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

How does the classics 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 Vergil or Homer 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/YjFfEtg.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). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

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.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci)
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).