

Classics

In the College of Arts and Letters

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Offered by the Department of Classics and Humanities

Major in classics with the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Emphasis in classical humanities.

Emphasis in classical language.

Teaching major in classics (concentration in Latin) for the single subject teaching credential in foreign languages.

Minor in classics.

The Major

Classics is the study of the languages, literatures, and civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome. These are the oldest European and American traditions of the humanities and the liberal arts. Classics literally means works of the first class or rank, and the profound truths and disciplined forms cultivated by classical authors and artists have assured their works lasting relevance.

All Classics majors take two or more years of Greek or Latin. They may choose the language emphasis that allows them to study one or both languages or they may choose the broader emphasis in classical humanities. There is also a Latin-centered curriculum that prepares them for a teaching career. Classics majors have at their disposal the library, art, and relaxation of the Burnett Classics Seminar Room, and they have access to the audiovisual library of the Schaber Humanities Center. In addition to small language classes, close academic advising, and the fellowship of a small department with diverse interests, Classics majors culminate their studies with a senior seminar.

Although the prime purpose of the Classics major is to satisfy a quest for the original intellectual and artistic values of Western civilization, graduates enjoy a range of professional choices in addition to academic careers in Classics and various humanities disciplines. Classics majors are well prepared for law school, and with supplementary coursework in business, economics, or information systems, a Classics graduate can be very competitive in the business world, especially at the executive level. Classics graduates also have an advantage as editors, librarians, journalists, and technical writers. Opportunities are available in public relations, government, and other fields where general knowledge, perspective, and a facility with language serve not only the public good but one's own success.

High School Equivalents

High school foreign language courses may be used for purposes of placement in college courses and may be counted toward meeting the foreign language requirement in various majors. These high school courses will not count as college credit toward graduation.

Secondary school language courses can be used as follows:

1. The first **two years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first semester of a college level course, although students with fewer than three years of high school level language may complete the first semester college course for graduation credit.

2. The first **three years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of the first two college semesters, although students with fewer than four years of high school level language may complete the second semester college course for graduation credit. Students who have completed three years of foreign language in high school will not receive credit for the first semester college course unless at least five years separate the last high school course and the first college course.

3. **Four years** of high school level language count as the equivalent of three college semesters or five college quarters, thus fulfilling the foreign language requirement.

Advising

All College of Arts and Letters majors are urged to consult with their department adviser as soon as possible; they are required to meet with their department adviser within the first two semesters after declaration or change of major.

Classics Major

**With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
(Major Code: 15041)**

All candidates for a degree in liberal arts and sciences must complete the graduation requirements listed in the section of this catalog on "Graduation Requirements." No more than 48 units in classics courses can apply to the degree.

During their last semester all seniors majoring in classics shall submit to the department a portfolio of their scholarly work.

A minor is not required with this major.

Emphasis in Classical Humanities

Preparation for the Major. Classics 101G-202G or 250G; or Classics 101L-202L or 250L; and six units from Classics 140, Comparative Literature 270A, History 105, Humanities 140. (14-16 units)

Students should note that a number of the upper division required and recommended courses listed below have lower division prerequisites, but these prerequisites do not constitute requirements per se for the completion of the major.

Foreign Language Requirement. The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major plus one language course in the major.

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or English 508W or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include Classics 320, 330, History 502, 503, Humanities 490, and Philosophy 411 (prerequisites waived for students in this major); six units selected from Art 568, Communication 450, History 501, Humanities 402, upper division courses in Classics; six units of Greek or Latin.

Emphasis in Classical Language

Preparation for the Major. Classics 101G-202G or 250G; Classics 101L-202L or 250L; and six units from Classics 140, Comparative Literature 270A, History 105, Humanities 140. (14-26 units)

Foreign Language Requirement. The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major plus one language course in the major.

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or English 508W or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include Classics 320 and Humanities 490; History 502 or 503; three to nine units from upper division courses in Classics, Art 568, History 502, 503, Philosophy 411 (prerequisites waived for students in this major); 12-18 units of Greek or Latin.

Classics Major

In preparation for the Single Subject Teaching Credential in Foreign Languages

With the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

(Major Code: 15041)

All candidates for a teaching credential must complete all requirements as outlined in this section of the catalog under Policy Studies or Teacher Education. For students completing the single subject teaching credential program, no more than 48 units in classics can apply to the degree.

This major may be used by students in policy studies or teacher education as an undergraduate major for the B.A. degree in liberal arts and sciences.

Emphasis in Latin

Preparation for the Major. Classics 101L-202L or Classics 250L; and six units from Classics 140, Comparative Literature 270A, History 105, Humanities 140. (14-16 units)

Foreign Language Requirement. The foreign language requirement is automatically fulfilled through coursework for preparation for the major plus one language course in the major.

Upper Division Writing Requirement. Passing the University Writing Examination or English 508W or Rhetoric and Writing Studies 305W or 500W with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Major. A minimum of 30 upper division units to include Classics 303L, 304L, 320, and Humanities 490; nine units in Classics 496L or 599L to include three units in Special Study in Latin Teaching Methods; History 503; six units from Classics 310, 330, 340, Art 568, History 502, or Philosophy 411 (prerequisites waived for students in this major).

Classics Minor

The classics minor consists of a minimum of 18-20 units selected from one of the following:

Language – 19-20 units, of which nine units must be upper division, to include 16-17 units in Greek or in Latin and three units selected from Classics 310, 320, 330, 340.

Nonlanguage – 18 units, of which 12 units must be upper division. A minimum of six upper division units must be selected from classics courses, and up to six units may be selected from Art 568, History 502, 503, or Philosophy 411*.

Courses in the minor may not be counted toward the major, but may be used to satisfy preparation for the major and general education requirements, if applicable. A minimum of six upper division units must be completed in residence at San Diego State University.

* Additional prerequisites required.

Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Students electing the study of Greek or Latin to fulfill the foreign language requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal arts and sciences must successfully complete Classics 303G or 303L or the equivalent level of achievement. The usual sequence of course work is either Classics 101G, 202G, and 303G, OR Classics 101L, 202L, and 303L. Refer to section of catalog on "Graduation Requirements" for additional ways to satisfy competency.

Courses (CLASS)

Classics includes courses in Greek and Latin as well as nonlanguage courses. Greek course numbers have a G suffix; Latin courses have an L suffix.

No credit will be given for Classics 101G, 202G, 303G, 304G taken out of sequence.

No credit will be given for Classics 101L, 202L, 301L, 303L taken out of sequence.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

101G. Elementary Greek I (5) I

Introduction to ancient Greek, emphasizing grammatical foundations of Attic and Koine prose. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school ancient Greek unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 250G.

101L. Elementary Latin I (5) I

Introduction to Latin, emphasizing grammatical foundations of classical prose. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school Latin unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 250L.

120. English from Latin and Greek (3)

General philology, emphasizing Latin and Greek bases and their English derivatives. Etymology, word analysis and construction, language history and structure. (Formerly titled "Latin and Greek Word Derivation.")

140. Our Classical Heritage (3)

Greek and Roman art, literature, and institutions as reflected in the Western tradition.

202G. Elementary Greek II (5) II

Prerequisite: Classics 101G.

Continuation of Greek grammar with selections illustrating syntax and style. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school ancient Greek unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 250G.

202L. Elementary Latin II (5) II

Prerequisite: Classics 101L.

Continuation of Latin grammar with selections illustrating syntax and style. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school Latin unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 250L.

250G. Accelerated Elementary Greek (8) S (Offered only in Extension)

Intensive one-semester introduction to ancient Greek, emphasizing basic grammar, vocabulary, syntax. Preparation for Classics 303G. Not open to students who have completed three years of high school ancient Greek unless the third course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 101G and 202G.

250L. Accelerated Elementary Latin (8) S (Offered only in Extension)

Intensive one-semester introduction to Latin, emphasizing basic grammar, vocabulary, syntax. Preparation for Classics 303L. Not open to students who have completed four years of high school Latin unless the fourth course was completed five or more years ago. Not open to students with credit in Classics 101L and 202L.

296. Experimental Topics (1-4)

Selected topics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

C. Experimental Topics in Classics.

G. Experimental Topics in Greek.

L. Experimental Topics in Latin.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES
(Intended for Undergraduates)

303G. Readings in Greek Prose (3) I

Prerequisites: Classics 202G or 250G, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Readings selected from Greek history, philosophy, oratory, and New Testament. Authors such as Xenophon, Plato, Lysias, the Evangelists. Emphasis on rapid reading.

303L. Readings in Latin Prose (3) I

Prerequisites: Classics 202L or 250L, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Classics majors.

Readings selected from classical Latin history, philosophy, oratory, letters. Authors such as Sallust, Cicero, Pliny the Younger.

304G. Readings in Greek Poetry (3) II

Prerequisites: Classics 303G, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities.

Readings selected from Greek epic, elegy, tragedy. Authors such as Homer, Sophocles, Euripides.

304L. Readings in Latin Poetry (3) II

Prerequisites: Classics 303L, and completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Classics majors.

Readings selected from classical Latin epic, lyric, elegy, comedy. Authors such as Vergil, Catullus, Ovid, Plautus.

310. Classical Mythology (3)

Prerequisites: Nine units from General Education courses in Foundations II.C., Humanities. Recommended: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200.

Mythological elements in Greek and Roman art, literature, and religion.

320. Classical Literature (3) I

Prerequisites: Nine units from General Education courses in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Classics majors. Recommended: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200.

Reading in translation of Greek and Latin masterpieces. Emphasis on epic and prose genres. Authors such as Homer, Herodotus, Plato, Vergil, Apuleius. Literary and historical criticism.

330. Classical Drama (3) II

Prerequisites: Nine units from General Education courses in Foundations II.C., Humanities. General Education prerequisite not required for Classics majors. Recommended: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200.

Reading in translation of Greek and Roman tragedies and comedies. Playwrights such as Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes, Plautus, Seneca. Literary, dramatic, historical criticism.

340. Classical Civilization (3)

Prerequisites: Nine units from General Education courses in Foundations II.C., Humanities. Recommended: Rhetoric and Writing Studies 200.

Greek and Roman civilization from Bronze Age to Late Empire. Integration of history, philosophy, literature, the arts, and society.

350. Classics and Cinema (3)

Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations II.C., Humanities required for nonmajors.

Ancient Greece and Rome as represented in major cinematic productions. Screenplays compared with Greek and Latin sources in English translation.

496. Topics in Classical Studies (1-4)

Topics in classical languages, literatures, cultures, and linguistics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit nine units. Limit of nine units of any combination of 296, 496, 596 courses applicable to a bachelor's degree.

C. Topics in Classics.

G. Topics in Greek. Advanced reading in an author, genre, or period, or work in linguistics.

L. Topics in Latin. Advanced reading in an author, genre, or period, or work in linguistics.

UPPER DIVISION COURSE
(Also Acceptable for Advanced Degrees)

599. Special Study (1-3) I, II

Prerequisites: Consent of major or graduate adviser; to be arranged by department chair and instructor. For 599C: Classics 304L or 304G. For 599G: 304G. For 599L: 304L.

Individual study. Maximum credit six units.

C. Special Study in Classics.

G. Special Study in Greek.

L. Special Study in Latin.