

CLASSICS (BA)

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Introduction

The Classics major at Canisius is designed to accommodate students interested in both ancient Greek and Roman culture. We offer three tracks of study: Greek Language and Hellenic Studies (CLSG), Latin Language and Roman Studies (CLSL), and Classical Studies (CLSS). Please see the Classics website (<https://www.canisius.edu/academics/programs/classics>) for a more detailed description of the program, faculty, facilities, academic and co-curricular opportunities.

Qualifications

Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA in their major and a 2.0 overall average to graduate with a degree in Classics.

Advisement

All students should have an advisor in the major and should contact the department directly to have an advisor assigned if they do not already have one. Meetings with academic advisors are required prior to students receiving their PIN for course registration each semester. All majors should work closely with their advisor in discussing career expectations, choosing their major electives, developing their entire academic program and planning their co-curricular or supplemental academic experiences.

Major Experiences

Classics majors are encouraged to become members of the Canisius Classics Club and to attend the weekly departmental Classics Tea@2. Majors are also encouraged to participate in events sponsored by the Institute for Classical and Medieval Studies (<https://blogs.canisius.edu/icms>). Exceptional majors will be invited to become members of Eta Sigma Phi, the national Classics Honor Society.

Double Majors

Students who wish to expand their educational opportunities may decide to declare a double major. The decision may be based on career goals or planned graduate studies. Before a student declares a double major, it is important to meet with the appropriate academic departments for advisement. Some double major combinations can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional course work may be required. In order to declare a double major, the student must complete the appropriate double major request form and get the signature of each department chairperson and the appropriate associate dean. Please note that students will receive only one degree, regardless of the number of majors they complete.

A major in Classics is a perfect complement to majors in a broad range of disciplines — particularly Art History, Creative Writing, English, European Studies, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, Philosophy, and Religious Studies — and an excellent second major for students interested in careers in law or medicine.

Minors in Other Disciplines

Minors provide students the opportunity to pursue additional interests but generally do not require as many courses as a major. Minors generally range from five to eight required courses. The minors page (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/minors>) provides a complete list of

minors and provides links to each minor. Some majors and minors can be completed within the minimum 120 credit hour degree requirement, but in some cases additional coursework may be required. Students must complete the appropriate minor request form.

Curriculum

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All undergraduate students must complete either the Canisius Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/core-curriculum>) or the All-College Honors Curriculum (<http://catalog.canisius.edu/undergraduate/academics/curricular-information/all-college-honors-program>). Many schools refer to their college-wide undergraduate requirements as "general education" requirements. We believe that the core curriculum and the honors curriculum are more than a series of required classes; they provide the basis for a Jesuit education both with content and with required knowledge and skills attributes that are central to our mission.

Free Electives

Students may graduate with more but not less than 120 credit hours. Free electives are courses in addition to the Core Curriculum or Honors Curriculum and major requirements sufficient to reach the minimum of 120 credit hours required for graduation.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
All Classics Majors		
CLS 103	Greek History	3
or CLS 104	Roman History	
CLS 205	Mirror of the Past: Greece	3
or CLS 206	Mirror of the Past: Rome	
Tracks		
Select one of the following:		30
Greek Language and Hellenic Studies Track/CLSG		
Latin Language and Roman Studies Track/CLSL		
Classical Studies Track/CLSS		
Total Credits		36

Greek Language and Hellenic Studies Track/CLSG

Code	Title	Credits
6 Classical Greek (CLG) courses (at least 6 credits at the 300 level or above)		18
4 Major electives (no more than two may be Interdepartmental)		12
Total Credits		30

Latin Language and Roman Studies Track/CLSL

Code	Title	Credits
6 Latin (CLL) courses (at least 6 credits at the 300 level or above)		18
4 Major electives (no more than two may be Interdepartmental)		12
Total Credits		30

Classical Studies Track/CLSS

Code	Title	Credits
4 Classical Greek (CLG) OR 4 Latin (CLL) courses (at least 6 credits at the 200 level or above)		12

6 Major electives (no more than two may be Interdepartmental)	18
Total Credits	30

Major Electives

Any CLG, CLL, or CLS course not used as a required course within the major may serve as a Classics elective.

Departmental Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CLG 101	Elementary Greek I ¹	3
CLG 102	Elementary Greek II ¹	3
CLG 203- CLG 218 ¹		3
CLG 306- CLG 318 ¹		3
CLG 400	Paideia ¹	3
CLL 101	Elementary Latin ²	3
CLL 102	Elementary Latin II ²	3
CLL 201- CLL 218 ²		3
CLL 301- CLL 318 ²		
CLL 400	Humanitas	3
CLS 103	Greek History	3
CLS 104	Roman History	3
CLS 205	Mirror of the Past: Greece	3
CLS 206	Mirror of the Past: Rome	3
CLS 207	Mythology and Literature	3
CLS 209	Greek and Roman Archaeology	3
CLS 212	Borders, Walls, and Immigrants in the Ancient World	3
CLS 214	Greek and Roman Tragedy	3
CLS 300	Roman Law and Society	3
CLS 301	Culture and Crisis in Rome: The Final Decades of the Roman Republic	3
CLS 308	Pagans and Christians	3
CLS 309	Greek and Roman Religion	3
CLS 311	Alexander the Great	3

¹ 6 CLG credits strongly recommended for students on CLS-Latin track.

² 6 CLL credits strongly recommended for students on CLS-Greek track.

Interdepartmental Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ANT 230	Introduction to Archaeology	3
FAH 101	Cave Paintings, the Colosseum & Cathedrals	3
FAH 210	Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art	3
FAH 213	Greek and Roman Art	3
HIS 106	The Medieval World	3
HIS 203	Castles, Bones and Battleaxes: Material Culture of the Medieval World	3
HON 110	Western Tradition I	3
RST 201	Introduction to the New Testament	3
PHI 300	History of Philosophy I	3
RST 325	Early Christianity	3

Additional Course Considerations

Classics majors who are interested in pursuing graduate work in Classics are encouraged to enroll in German and French language courses.

Roadmap

Recommended Semester Schedule for Major Course Requirements

Freshman

Fall

Select one of the following:

CLS 103 or 205

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 101 (Elementary Greek I)

Latin track: CLL 101 (Elementary Latin I)

Classical Studies track: CLG 101 or CLL 101

Spring

Select one of the following:

CLS 104 (if took CLS 205 in fall)

CLS 206 (if took CLS 103 in fall)

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 102 (Elementary Greek II)

Latin track: CLL 102 (Elementary Latin II)

Classical Studies track: continue language taken in fall (CLG 102 or CLL 102)

Sophomore

Fall

Classics Major elective¹

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 200-level

Latin track: CLL 200-level

Classical Studies track: CLG 200-level or CLL 200-level

Spring

Classics Major elective

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 200-level

Latin track: CLL 200-level

Classical Studies track: CLG 200-level or CLL 200-level

Junior

Fall

Classics Major elective²

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 200 or 300-level

Latin track: CLL 200 or 300-level

Classical Studies track: one additional major elective

Spring

Classics Major elective³

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 300-level

Latin track: CLL 300-level

Classical Studies track: one additional major elective

Senior

Fall

Classics Major elective

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 300-level

Latin track: CLL 300-level

Classical Studies track: one additional major elective

Spring

Classics Major elective

AND one of the following:

Greek track: CLG 400 (Core Capstone)

Latin track: CLL 400 (Core Capstone)

Classical Studies track: CLG 400 or CLL 400 (Core Capstone)

¹ The department strongly recommends majors take CLS 207 as one of their electives.

² CLL 101 (Elementary Latin I) strongly recommended as an elective for majors on the Greek track and CLG 101 (Elementary Greek I) strongly recommended for Latin track majors.

³ CLL 102 (Elementary Latin II) strongly recommended as an elective for majors on the Greek track and CLG 102 (Elementary Greek II) strongly recommended for Latin track majors.

Learning Goals & Objectives

Learning Goal 1

Students will develop proficiency in ancient Greek and/or Latin.

Students will:

- Objective A: Demonstrate mastery of vocabulary, lexical skills, grammar, and syntax.
- Objective B: Produce a sound English translation of a Greek or Latin text which illustrates clear understanding of the text's meaning.

Learning Goal 2

Students will develop a command of ancient Greek and/or Roman literature and history.

Students will:

- Objective A: Distinguish various features associated with major Greek and/or Latin authors and literary genres.
- Objective B: Contextualize various people, events, and artifacts important to the study of Greek and/or Roman history and historiography.

Learning Goal 3

Students will develop proficiency in the use of reference works and databases central to the discipline of Classics.

Students will:

- Objective A: Compile a bibliography on a classical subject, work, or author using standard Classics reference works and databases.
- Objective B: Compile references to specific Greek and/or Latin words or phrases using standard Classics reference works and databases.

Minor

A minor in Classics complements the disciplines of Art History, Creative Writing, English, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and it is especially beneficial for students interested in careers in law or medicine. Classics minors are encouraged to become members of the Canisius Classics Club, to attend the weekly departmental Classics Tea@2, and to participate in events sponsored by the Institute for Classical and Medieval Studies (<https://blogs.canisius.edu/icms>).

Students must complete the appropriate minor request form.

Students who wish to minor in Classics must meet the following requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Classical Language (CLG or CLL) Required Courses		
Two semesters of Greek or Latin (CLG OR CLL)		6
Classics (CLS) Required Courses		
CLS 103	Greek History	3
or CLS 104	Roman History	
CLS 205	Mirror of the Past: Greece	3
or CLS 206	Mirror of the Past: Rome	
Classics Electives		
Two upper-level electives from the following:		6
Any CLG, CLL, or CLS courses at the 200-level or above		
FAH 210	Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Art	

FAH 213	Greek and Roman Art
Total Credits	18

Courses

Classics (CLS) (p. 3); Greek (CLG) (p. 4); Latin (CLL) (p. 5)

Classics--CLS

CLS 103 Greek History **3 Credits**

Social, political, and intellectual history of the Greeks from the end of the Bronze Age to the Hellenistic period.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every fall.

CLS 104 Roman History **3 Credits**

Social, political, and intellectual history of Rome from the foundation of the city to late antiquity.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 4 (History), Global Awareness

Offered: every spring.

CLS 205 Mirror of the Past: Greece **3 Credits**

Fundamental social, political, moral, religious, and intellectual aspects of the human condition as reflected in a variety of Greek writers, art, and artifacts.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness

Offered: every fall.

CLS 206 Mirror of the Past: Rome **3 Credits**

Fundamental social, political, moral, religious, and intellectual aspects of the human condition as reflected in a variety of Roman writers, art, and artifacts.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Global Awareness

Offered: every spring.

CLS 207 Mythology and Literature **3 Credits**

Origin, content, and interpretation of the major classical myths. Modern approaches to mythology. Influence upon literature and ethical principles and theories.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Ethics, Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)

Offered: fall & spring.

CLS 209 Greek and Roman Archaeology **3 Credits**

History, methods, major sites, and current topics in Greek and Roman Archaeology from the Bronze Age through Late Antiquity.

Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness

Offered: spring 2017.

- CLS 211 Archaeology of Pompeii** 3 Credits
On August 24th, 79 C.E., Mt. Vesuvius erupted and destroyed the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum, as well as countless farms and villas in the countryside. The ash and pyroclastic flows killed all who had not yet fled, and preserved the cities in the moment of their destruction. Their archaeological rediscovery in the 1700s led to 250 years of excavations which have continued to provide us with astonishing evidence about the people who lived and died in the shadow of Vesuvius. Every aspect of ancient life is represented in these two towns—poor and rich, free and enslaved, work and leisure, religion, politics, art, food, and even sex. If you want to know what it was like to live in the Roman Empire, don't go to Rome—come to Pompeii!
Prerequisite: None. **Corequisite:** None.
Fulfills College Core: Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness
Offered: spring of odd-numbered years.
- CLS 212 Borders, Walls, and Immigrants in the Ancient World** 3 Credits
Examination of momentous migrations and displacements around the Mediterranean (Greek colonization, Roman veteran settlement, Gothic invasions), from the Bronze Age to the Middle Ages; the economic, religious, social, and political motivations; the impact; Greco-Roman concepts of borders and "Frontier"; case studies (Hadrian's Wall); themes in immigration studies, including theories of assimilation/resistance, diaspora, ethnicity, and identity.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness
Offered: occasionally.
- CLS 214 Greek and Roman Tragedy** 3 Credits
Study of Greek and Roman tragedy, its origins, cultural setting, staging, performance, and influence. Readings from Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Seneca.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Ethics, Field 3 (Literature and the Arts), Oral Communication
Offered: fall & spring.
- CLS 300 Roman Law and Society** 3 Credits
Exploration of major concepts and principles of Roman law and the society in which they developed. Studies of cases from the writings of Roman jurists.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Field 5 (Social Sciences), Justice, Oral Communication
Offered: anticipated spring 2017.
- CLS 301 Culture and Crisis in Rome: The Final Decades of the Roman Republic** 3 Credits
Introduction to Roman culture and politics in the first century BCE; careful examination of the vibrant literary, intellectual, judicial, and social environment amid political crises that ended with Rome's transition from republic to empire.
Fulfills College Core: Advanced Writing-Intensive, (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), (part of the Global Citizenship Core Pathway), Field 3 (Literature and the Arts)
Offered: occasionally.
- CLS 308 Pagans and Christians** 3 Credits
Religious thought and action from the 3rd through 8th centuries A.D. The idea of the holy; manifestations of the sacred; body, soul, and cosmos; Christianity and classical culture; Neoplatonism.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Field 1 (Religious Studies and Theology), Global Awareness
Offered: spring 2017.
- CLS 309 Greek and Roman Religion** 3 Credits
Religious thought and action in ancient Greece and Rome from Homer through the 2nd century A.D. Polytheism, anthropomorphism, ritual, cult and sacrifice.
Fulfills College Core: (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway), Field 1 (Religious Studies and Theology), Global Awareness, Oral Communication
Offered: every fall.
- CLS 311 Alexander the Great** 3 Credits
Philip II and the rise of Macedon. Alexander's personality, his conquests, and the social, political, and intellectual consequences of his reign. Hellenistic culture.
Fulfills College Core: Global Awareness
Offered: anticipated fall 2018.
- CLS 314 The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire** 3 Credits
Imperial crisis and recovery of the third century, Constantine and Christianity, barbarian invasions, social, political, and intellectual developments in the Byzantine East and Latin West. Historiography of the "Decline and Fall."
- CLS 499 Independent Study** 3-6 Credits
Directed research on a selected topic. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean.
Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.
Offered: occasionally.
- ## Greek--CLG
- CLG 101 Elementary Greek I** 3 Credits
Intensive introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of classical Greek. Selected readings. Fall.
Offered: every fall.
- CLG 102 Elementary Greek II** 3 Credits
Intensive introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of classical Greek. Selected readings.
Prerequisite: CLG 101 or permission of instructor.
Offered: every spring.
- CLG 203 Greek Literature: Homer** 3 Credits
Selected readings from Homer.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
- CLG 208 Greek Historians** 3 Credits
Selected Greek historical authors, genres, or themes.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
- CLG 209 Greek Historians: Xenophon** 3 Credits
Selected readings from Xenophon.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
- CLG 213 Greek Philosophers** 3 Credits
Book I of Plato's Republic and related texts.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
- CLG 214 Readings in Greek Philosophy** 3 Credits
Heraclitus and Book 1 of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
Offered: occasionally.
- CLG 303 Readings in Greek: Homer** 3 Credits
Selected readings from Homer.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.
- CLG 305 Readings in Greek Literature: Daphnis and Chloë** 3 Credits
Longus' Daphnis and Chloë.
Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.

CLG 306 Readings in Greek Literature	3 Credits	CLL 206 Latin Poetry: Catullus	3 Credits
Selected Greek historical authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.		Careful study of the themes, style, and meters of Catullus' poems, his place in the tradition of Latin poetry, and his influence on later poets. Requires prior study of Latin or permission of instructor. Fulfills College Core: Field 3 (Literature and the Arts) Offered: occasionally.	
CLG 307 Readings in Greek Literature	3 Credits	CLL 207 Latin Literature	3 Credits
Selected Greek literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisites: CLG 102 or permission of instructor. Offered: occasionally.		Readings in selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisites: at least two years of Latin in high school through the senior year, or CLL 102, or permission of instructor. Offered: occasionally.	
CLG 308 Readings in Greek History: Sources for Athenian History	3 Credits	CLL 210 Roman Historians	3 Credits
Selected Inscriptions and portions the Constitution of Athens attributed to Aristotle. Prerequisite: CLG 102 or permission of instructor.		Close reading and analysis of selections from one or more of the Latin historians. Sallust, Livy and Tacitus. Prerequisite: CLL 102 or permission of instructor. Offered: occasionally.	
CLG 314 Readings in Greek Philosophy	3 Credits	CLL 211 Latin Biography	3 Credits
Heraclitus and Book 1 of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Prerequisites: CLG 102 or permission of instructor. Offered: occasionally.		Selections from Latin biographers. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.	
CLG 400 Paideia	3 Credits	CLL 213 Roman Philosophers	3 Credits
Selected Greek authors, texts, themes, or genres. Prerequisite: at least two semesters of CLG courses, completion of all other core curriculum requirements, & permission of the chair or instructor.		Selected Roman philosophical authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.	
CLG 499 Independent Study: Greek	3 Credits	CLL 301 Readings in Latin Literature	3 Credits
Directed research on a selected topic. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean.		Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.	
Latin--CLL		CLL 304 Readings in Latin Literature	3 Credits
CLL 101 Elementary Latin	3 Credits	Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.	
Intensive introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of classical Latin. Selected readings. Offered: every fall.		CLL 305 Readings in Latin Literature	3 Credits
CLL 102 Elementary Latin II	3 Credits	Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.	
Intensive introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of classical Latin. Selected readings. Prerequisite: CLL 101, or one year of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor. Offered: every spring.		CLL 310 Roman Historians	3 Credits
CLL 201 Latin Literature	3 Credits	Close reading and analysis of selections from one or more of the Latin historians. Sallust, Livy and Tacitus. Prerequisite: CLL 102 or permission of instructor.	
Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.		CLL 400 Humanitas	3 Credits
CLL 203 Roman Comedy	3 Credits	Selected Latin authors, texts, themes, or genres. Prerequisite: at least two semesters of CLL courses, completion of core requirements, & permission of the chair. Fulfills College Core: Core Capstone, (part of the Canisius Camino Core Pathway) Offered: fall & spring.	
Close reading and analysis of selected comedies from Plautus and Terence. Study of the relation to Greek new Comedy, colloquial Latin language, and social structures in Rome revealed in the plays. Prerequisite: CLL 102 or permission of instructor. Offered: occasionally.		CLL 499 Independent Study: Latin	3 Credits
CLL 204 Readings in Latin Literature	3 Credits	Directed research on a selected topic. Independent studies require an application and approval by the associate dean. Prerequisite: permission of the instructor, department chair, & associate dean. Offered: occasionally.	
Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.			
CLL 205 Latin Literature	3 Credits		
Selected Latin literary authors, genres, or themes. Prerequisite: CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.			