

# 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 and minors are encouraged to become members of the Canisius Classics Club and to attend the weekly departmental Classics Tea@2. The department also offers the opportunity for Classics majors and minors 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 other majors in a broad range of disciplines — particularly Anthropology, Art History, Creative Writing, English, European Studies, History, Modern Languages, Political Science, Philosophy, and Religious Studies — and a worthwhile 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

### An Ignatian Foundation

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
<b>All Classics Majors</b>		
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	
<b>Tracks</b>		
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 Classics/CLG/CLL/CLS electives (no more than two of which 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 Classics/CLG/CLL/CLS electives (no more than two of which 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 Classics/CLG/CLL/CLS electives (no more than two of which 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 <sup>1</sup>	3
CLG 102	Elementary Greek II <sup>1</sup>	3
CLG 201- CLG 218 <sup>1</sup>		3
CLG 301- CLG 318 <sup>1</sup>		3
CLG 400	Paideia <sup>1</sup>	3
CLL 101	Elementary Latin <sup>2</sup>	3
CLL 102	Elementary Latin II <sup>2</sup>	3
CLL 400	Humanitas	3
CLL 201- CLL 218 <sup>2</sup>		3
CLL 301- CLL 318 <sup>2</sup>		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 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
CLS 312	The Greek Enlightenment	3

<sup>1</sup> 6 CLG credits strongly recommended for students on CLS-Latin track.

<sup>2</sup> 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
PHI 301	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHI 302	Medieval Philosophy	3
RST 201	Introduction to the New Testament	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	Spring
CLS 103 or 205	CLS 104 or 206
Select one of the following:	Select one of the following:
CLSG: CLG 101	CLSG: CLG 102
CLSL: CLL 101	CLSL: CLL 102

#### Sophomore

Fall	Spring
CLS 207 (or other major elective)	CLS 207 (or other major elective)
Select one of the following:	Select one of the following:
CLSG: CLG 200 level	CLSG: CLG 200-level
CLSL: CLL 200-level	CLSL: CLL 200-level

#### Junior

Fall	Spring
CLSG: CLG 200 or 300-level	CLSG: CLG 300-level
Select one of the following:	Select one of the following:
CLL 101	CLL 102
CLSL: CLL 200 or 300-level	CLSL: CLL 300-level
CLG 101	CLG 102
Major elective	Major elective

#### Senior

Fall	Spring
Select one of the following:	Select one of the following:
CLSG: CLG 300-level	CLSG: CLG 400
CLSL: CLL 300-level	CLSL: CLL 400
Major elective	Major elective

## 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 is especially appropriate for students of Anthropology, Art History, Creative Writing, English, History, Political Science, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. Students must complete the appropriate minor request form.

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

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Classical Language</b>		
Two semesters of Latin or Greek (CLL OR CLG)		6
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	
<b>Classics Electives</b>		
Select two upper-level electives from the following:		6
Any CLG, CLL 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.     ); Greek - CLG (p.     ); Latin - CLL (p.     )

### 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** Field 5 (Social Sciences), Global Awareness

**Offered:** spring 2017.

**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.

**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:** 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:** 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, 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:** 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:** 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 312 The Greek Enlightenment** 3 Credits  
Greek thought from Homer to Plato. Lyric poets, Hippocratic texts, Presocratics and Sophists, Athenian tragedy, Thucydides, Aristophanes, and Plato. Impact of literacy on Greek thought. Greek philosophy in its social and historical context.

**Fulfills College Core:** Field 2 (Philosophy)  
**Offered:** anticipated fall 2017.

**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 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  
Selected Greek historical authors, genres, or themes.  
**Prerequisite:** CLG 102 or permission of instructor.

**CLG 307 Readings in Greek Literature** 3 Credits  
Selected Greek literary authors, genres, or themes.  
**Prerequisites:** CLG 102 or permission of instructor.  
**Offered:** occasionally.

**CLG 308 Readings in Greek History: Sources for Athenian History** 3 Credits  
Selected Inscriptions and portions the Constitution of Athens attributed to Aristotle.  
**Prerequisite:** CLG 102 or permission of instructor.

**CLG 400 Paideia** 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.

**CLG 499 Independent Study: Greek** 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.

## Latin - CLL

**CLL 101 Elementary Latin** 3 Credits  
Intensive introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of classical Latin. Selected readings.  
**Offered:** every fall.

**CLL 102 Elementary Latin II** 3 Credits  
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 201 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.

**CLL 204 Readings in 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.

**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.

**CLL 206 Latin Poetry: Catullus** 3 Credits  
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.

**CLL 207 Latin Literature** 3 Credits  
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.

**CLL 210 Roman Historians** 3 Credits  
Selections from Livy.  
**Prerequisite:** CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.

- CLL 211 Latin Biography** 3 Credits  
 Selections from Latin biographers.  
**Prerequisite:** CLL 102, or two years of high school Latin through the senior year, or permission of instructor.
- CLL 213 Roman Philosophers** 3 Credits  
 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.
- CLL 301 Readings in 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.
- CLL 304 Readings in 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.
- CLL 305 Readings in 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.
- CLL 400 Humanitas** 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  
**Offered:** fall & spring.
- CLL 499 Independent Study: Latin** 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.