INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Classics Department offers training in ancient Greek and Latin from the ground up, enabling students to encounter texts such as Homer’s Odyssey and Ovid’s Metamorphoses in their original form.

Students have three options: they can major in Greek, in Latin, or in Classical Languages (i.e. both). They contextualize their work in the languages and deepen their understanding of the literature by delving into Greek and Roman civilization (art, philosophy, religion, etc.), in classes led by professors known both for cutting-edge research and for their dedication to undergraduate teaching.

STUDY OPTIONS IN CLASSICS

The motto of Berkeley Classics is “New Insights into an Ancient World.” Classes invite you to discard preconceptions and see the ancient world afresh.

- Our language classes are small (ca. 5-15 students); upper division offerings are taught by professors.
- Our language majors open many doors; graduates have gone on to law school, medical school, computer science, finance, and teaching.
- The Classical Languages major provides preparation for graduate study in Classics, History, Philosophy, and other disciplines.
- Minor in Greek or Latin—we offer the same level of advising and support.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Achieve a broader perspective on Classics through study abroad.
- Begin your language study with the Greek or Latin Summer Workshop (funding available).
- Challenge yourself by pursuing honors in Classics.
- Publish your work in the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics.
- Learn research techniques by assisting a professor through a URAP position.

Class settings are smaller, with time for questions and discussions. Students get to know one another.

— Mackhai Nguyen, Classics Major
## Bachelor of Arts

### Classical Languages

**Greek | Latin**

## Design Your Journey

### FIRST YEAR

- **Explore your major**
  - Review major and college requirements
  - Take a Freshman Seminar with a Classics professor
  - Start Greek or Latin with an elementary course
  - Take CLASSICS 10a (Greek civilization) and CLASSICS 10b (Roman civilization).

- **Connect and build community**
  - Get 11 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Sign up for the Classics email list and attend department events.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Read the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics.
  - Visit a professor or graduate student instructor during office hours. Discuss assignments and ask about studying the Graeco-Roman world.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Visit Student Life Advising Services and sign up for EOP (if eligible).
  - Explore and join a campus club or student organization related to your community or hobbies.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
  - Apply for a work-study position and learn about working at a university.
  - Explore career fields in the Career Connections Networking Series.

### SECOND YEAR

- **Build on your completed elementary language and start the intermediate courses (numbered 100-102).** Begin your second required elementary language sequence and declare the major. Explore options for a semester abroad with Berkeley Study Abroad.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Attend the Classics Undergraduate Reception and mingle with fellow students and professors. Explore resources from the Classics department.
  - Join the Classical Forum (Berkeley undergraduate students interested in Classics).

- **Discover your passions**
  - Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
  - Build your research skills in HUM 100: Research Bootcamp.
  - Attend the Sather Lecture series.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Volunteer to represent the Department of Classics at an event.
  - Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
  - Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDCC or Cal in the Capital.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Meet with a Career Center counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
  - Shadow alumni during a winter externship.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
  - Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

### THIRD YEAR

- **Start senior reading courses in Greek or Latin (numbered 103+).** Start intermediate courses (100-102) in your second language.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Explore resources from the Aleshire Center for the Study of Greek Epigraphy.
  - Work with peers and graduate students in HUM 196: Mentored-Research and Discovery Groups.
  - Join the Society for Classical Studies.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Do a URAP archiving ancient papyri at the Center for the Tebtunis Papyri.
  - Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
  - Consider submitting your work to the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
  - Sign up for LinkedIn profile and join the UCB Classics LinkedIn Group.

### FOURTH YEAR

- **Do a degree check** to ensure you are on track to graduate.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Get support for your thesis project in the Townsend Honors Thesis Workshop.
  - Become an editor of the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal of Classics.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
  - Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Attend Job Search Essentials workshops.
  - Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
  - Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
  - Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

### Jobs and Employers

- Atomic VC, General Counsel
- Bornstein Law, Associate
- Gracemote, Senior Manager
- Harvard Westlake Sch., Lang. Teacher
- Invite, Software Engineer
- JAMA Network, Manuscript Editor
- Jibrel, Head of Marketing
- Kirkland and Ellis, Partner
- Murray Hill Institute, Administrator
- Newport Hist. Soc., Visiting Curator
- NYC Dept. of Education, Teacher
- Pacific Boychoir Acad., Latin Teacher
- Salesforce, Lead Solution Engineer
- UC Regents, Recording Secretary
- Univ. of Illinois, Asst. Professor
- Univ. of Oregon, Asst. Professor
- Zocdoc, Sales Ops. and Strat. Analyst

### Graduate Programs

- Anthropology, PhD Univ of Chicago
- Classics, PhD Univ of Washington
- Classics, PhD Columbia Univ
- Law, JD NYU
- PhD Candidate, UC Berkeley
- PhD Student, UCLA

Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates and Department of Classics Alumni Records.

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