Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies

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Classics is the study of the civilizations of ancient Greece, Rome, and the Ancient Mediterranean. The Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies provides introductory and advanced treatments of the religion, literature, and art of the Greco-Roman world. It also offers courses on the art and archaeology of Ancient Egypt and the Near East. Latin and Arabic are taught from the introductory through the advanced levels, while courses in Modern Greek are taught from the introductory through the intermediate levels (101–104). Students who major in classics may go on to pursue careers in law and professional scholarship and teach at college or high school level. Recent classics majors have entered law, medical, and divinity schools, while others have taken positions in business. The training in precise expression and critical thinking that a classics major receives is widely respected by employers.

The Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies offers a program leading to the Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Classical Studies. Minors in Classical Studies and Arabic are also offered.

Language Study and Major/Minor

The major requires 31 hours, including ARAB 104, GKM 104, or LAT 104 (or the equivalent to be determined by examination). The electives are chosen from the fields of archaeology, history, classical literature, art, and Greek or Arabic studies.

The Minor requires 18 hours but no foreign language. As electives, students are required to take a combination of courses in ancient or modern Mediterranean history or literature, archaeology, and art.

Distinction

- **Departmental Distinction.** The candidate for departmental distinction must earn a 3.50/4.00 GPA in courses required for the major and a 3.00/4.00 overall GPA (UIC and transfer credit).
- **High Departmental Distinction.** The candidate for high departmental distinction must earn a 3.75/4.00 GPA in courses required for the major and a 3.00/4.00 overall GPA (UIC and transfer credit).
- **Highest Departmental Distinction.** Students who qualify for High Distinction and complete CL 399 with a grade of A will qualify for Highest Distinction.

Degree Program

- **BA with a Major in Classical Studies** (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/cl/ba)

Minor

- **Minor in Classical Studies** (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/cl/minor)
- **Minor in Arabic** (http://catalog.uic.edu/ucat/colleges-depts/liberal-arts-sciences/cl/minor-arab)