Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies

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Classics is the study of the history, culture, languages, and reception of the ancient Mediterranean world, with a particular focus on the Greeks and the Romans. The Classics and Mediterranean Studies (CAMS) Department at UIC offers a program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies, and students at UIC can take a wide range of classics courses and major/minor in Classical Studies. The department also encompasses the study and teaching of Arabic (including a minor) and Modern Greek history and culture.

Students who major in classical studies go on to pursue careers in law and professional scholarship, teach, and find employment in a wide range of fields. Recent graduates have entered law, medical, and divinity schools, while others have taken positions in business, public service, and education. The training students receive in critical reading, analytical thinking, and written and oral rhetoric is highly valued and sought by prospective employers.

The department is part of the School of Literatures, Cultural Studies and Linguistics, which comprises six independent departments and three academic programs, creating a collaborative environment for interdisciplinary study.

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

Minors

- Minor in Arabic
- Minor in Classical Studies