Equip yourself for today's world with the knowledge that has molded world leaders for centuries: the Classics. The study of ancient Greece and Rome, around which the Renaissance university was created, still provides the tools to think across boundaries of language, history and culture to imagine a new, innovative future.

Program Description

Classics is the study of the literature, art, history and philosophy of the ancient Greeks and Romans --- a transdisciplinary field that fueled the Renaissance and that has continued to provide an intellectual foundation for innovative and influential people ever since.

The BA program in international letters and cultures with a concentration in classics begins with two cores: language skills in ancient Greek or Latin (or, if the student chooses, both) and knowledge of ancient history. With that basis, students build a program to meet their needs and interests. Among the variety of topics students pursue are:

- ancient history, war, politics and economics
- literary classics such as Homer, Sophocles, Virgil and Ovid
- the archaeology of the ancient Mediterranean world
- the art and architecture of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans
- the mythology and religious practices of the Greeks and Romans
- the thought of figures such as Plato, Aristotle and Lucretius
- the use of the classics in today's film, books and other media

In addition to the concentration in classics, ASU also offers a classical civilization concentration with a similar focus but different language requirements. Students should consult their advisor and choose the concentration that best meets their needs.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save
time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

College graduates with a degree in the classics have developed skills in research and the precise use and analysis of language that will serve them well in a wide range of fields. The transdisciplinary study of a culture very different from the modern world, yet lying at the root of it, also fosters a student's ability to view issues from many angles and think critically about them.

Classics graduates often find careers in:

- business
- Christian ministry
- film, television and multimedia
- law
- politics
- education
- writing and editing (fiction, journalism, technical writing)

As many employers are well aware, a classics graduate has the training to solve difficult puzzles, to see through obscure language and to conduct rigorous research on often ill-defined problems. These skills are prized in any field of endeavor.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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<th>Career</th>
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<td>High School Teacher</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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