

C L A S S I C S

PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR

High School Preparation

Recommended as part of or in addition to UC's "a-g" admission requirements:

- English composition and literature
- As much foreign language as possible (especially Latin and Greek, if available)
- European history

Transfer Preparation

To make normal progress in the major, complete the following courses prior to transfer:

Language and literature emphasis:

- One year of Greek or Latin
- One course in ancient history or Western civilization
- Greek and Latin literature in translation
- Greek or Classical mythology

Greek and Roman Culture emphasis:

- Greek and Roman civilization

Archaeology emphasis:

- Greek and Latin literature in translation
- Introductory archaeology
- Western civilization and ancient art history
- One year of Greek or Latin
- Greek or classical mythology

Please see the UCSB *General Catalog* (www.catalog.ucsb.edu) or your school counselor for more information on course preparation. California community college students should see www.assist.org.

Classics is the study of Greek and Roman culture as revealed through its literary, historical, philosophical, and scientific writings from Homeric to Byzantine times. Classics is a broad and interdisciplinary field that includes the study of language, literature, religion, mythology, gender, society, medicine and law. Classicists study the achievements of the Greeks and Romans: their democratic ideals, their religious beliefs and their humanistic philosophy. Greater awareness of Greek and Roman culture gives classicists a better understanding of contemporary cultures.

The Major

UCSB's Department of Classics offers the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Classics. Students who major in Classics will pursue a course of study in one of the following three emphases:

Classical Language and Literature Emphasis: Students who wish to pursue graduate studies in Classics must take the Language and Literature emphasis, but this emphasis also serves well students with interdisciplinary interests who seek a challenging liberal arts major and who enjoy small classes in which they receive significant personal attention.

Language and literature emphasizes the study of classical writings in their original Greek or Latin. Coursework includes reading and translating texts, analyzing their syntax and style, discussing their historical context, and exploring their influence on their own and subsequent cultures.

Greek and Roman Culture Emphasis: The Greek and Roman Culture emphasis enables students to explore a broad range of subjects—literature, history, philosophy, art history, religion, social history—through courses about the ancient world with readings in English translation. This emphasis is ideal for the student with interdisciplinary interests seeking an undergraduate degree with a strong, liberal arts major.

In this emphasis, the Greek and Roman civilizations are revealed through language, philosophy, religion, art, history and politics. Students select classics courses from offerings such as Greek Tragedy in Translation, Latin Literature in Translation, Greek and Roman Civilization, Classical Mythology and Women in Ancient Literature.

Classical Archaeology Emphasis: The Classical Archaeology emphasis brings together classical art history, classical archaeology, anthropology, and ancient history into a coherent program of study. This emphasis is for students with an interest in archaeology looking for a strong, liberal arts major, or for students planning to pursue graduate studies in Classical Archaeology.

Archaeology emphasizes the material remains of Greek and Roman culture. Studying remains of pottery, houses and cities leads to a detailed understanding of ancient society and customs. Course work includes art history and history as well as archaeology and field techniques.

Classics and Careers

The study of classics, like the study of all liberal arts, is designed to prepare students for a broad range of careers as well as continued study in graduate school and professional

programs. Classics majors develop skills that are useful in a number of areas. For example, classics majors:

- Develop effective oral and written communication skills;
- Receive training in the techniques of basic investigative research;
- Learn to appreciate other cultures;
- Gain insight into human nature and society;
- Acquire an awareness of individual and group behavior; and
- Develop planning and organizational skills, as well as critical analysis skills.

The interdisciplinary approach to Classics, combined with the department's three emphases, allows students to plan their programs of study in accord with their career goals. For example, students particularly interested in art and art history can pursue careers in art criticism, art conservation and preservation, and restoration of classical art. Students who elect the classical archaeology major can pursue careers in field archaeology, university teaching and research, or museum curating and administration. Other students may be inspired by their study of Classics to explore writing, playwriting, or careers in theater production.

Classics also can prepare students for careers in publishing, journalism, and library science. Positions in these areas include editorial assistant or editorial researcher, technical writer, reporter, interviewer, copy reader or copy writer, and library assistant or library administrator. With additional specialized coursework, Classics can prepare students for entrance into graduate school and professional programs leading to careers in medicine, law, education, counseling and business.

By studying Latin or Greek, Classics students develop skills that usually make it easier to learn a second language. Students who elect to learn a modern foreign language can consider careers in translating, interpreting, diplomacy, and foreign service. All classics majors can consider careers in federal, state, and local government as well as in politics.

Students interested in teaching and research at the university level should complete the Ph.D. degree. Students interested in teaching at a community college should pursue graduate work at least through the master's degree. Teaching at the high school (secondary) level requires a California teaching credential. Students interested in this last option should consult the credential advisor in UCSB's Graduate School of Education early in their academic careers.

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