Welcome to Classics, Greek and Latin

Major Overview:

A BA in classics, Greek and Latin is offered through the Department of Classical and Near Eastern Studies, which is home to four major tracks:

1. **Classics, Greek and Latin**, focusing on either ancient Greek or Latin language/literature, but requiring some additional coursework in the other language
2. Classical civilization, focusing on the ancient Greek, Roman, and Mediterranean worlds, broadly defined (no required coursework in ancient Greek or Latin language)
3. Latin, focusing on Latin language and literature
4. Arabic studies, focusing on Arabic language and literature as a gateway to the culture and civilization of the Arabic-speaking world

The **Classics, Greek and Latin major** involves specializing in either ancient Greek or in Latin, but with additional coursework in the other language (Greek or Latin). It entails 10 courses, including four in one or the other of the two languages beyond the 102 level, two in the language (ancient Greek or Latin) of non-specialization and four additional courses to provide cultural/intellectual enrichment in related areas: archaeology, ancient history, philosophy and so on.

Courses:

Courses to consider:

- 100- through 300-level **Greek (GRK) or Latin (LAT)**
  - If you need to start with **LAT 101** (Elementary Latin I) or **GRK 101** (Elementary Classical Greek I) as your ancient language of specialization, it is recommended that you do so in fall of your freshman year (for neither language 101 is offered in the spring) or no later than your sophomore year.
- **CLAS 212**, Greek and Roman Biography
- **CLAS 215**, Ancient Tragedy, Greece & Rome
- **CLAS 305**: Ancient Comedy in Performance
- **CLAS 382A**: Ancient Sexuality and Gender
- **CLAS 383B**: Race and Ethnicity in Ancient North Africa
• **GRK 203**: Intermediate Ancient Greek

Click [classics courses](http://www.binghamton.edu/cnes-archive/courses/latin.html), to view detailed descriptions of the courses.

**Research Areas:**

Research opportunities in Classics can take shape in different ways. Some of our undergraduate students serve as Teaching Assistants or Tutors, e.g. assisting those taking beginners' courses in Latin or Greek, and thus gain important mentoring skills while working alongside professors. You might also find yourself working on a research thesis topic or creative project that is of special interest to you, perhaps even in conjunction with the research projects our faculty are involved with (e.g. evaluating data gained from archaeological digs, reading ancient inscriptions, or working with little-known texts in Latin).

Peruse internship possibilities by clicking the link below:

*Internships*  
[http://www.binghamton.edu/ccpd/students/undergraduate/internships-and-other-ways-to-gain-experience/internship-links.html]

**Post-Graduation:**

A degree in classics provides an excellent launching pad for careers in almost any intellectually demanding field of endeavor. That notably includes law; classics majors enjoy a distinct edge when applying to law school, but it applies across the board, from business to education to government to medicine. (Double majoring in biology and in a humanities field like classics can be a good strategy for med-school applicants.) In addition, this program of study emphasizes critical thinking and writing, and oral presentation. Binghamton University believes that a degree in the humanities, including classics, offers an enlightening perspective on today's headline issues and supplies the intellectual tools needed to address those issues. Indeed, this major is excellent preparation for a PhD program, depending on what you wish to pursue.

Career possibilities are vast, but include:
• Business person
• Editor
• Grant writer
• Lawyer
• Legislative aide
• Librarian

• Public administrator
• Speech writer
• Teacher
• Technical writer
• University/college professor

**Additional Resources:**

The CNES Department highly recommends study abroad. To learn more, click [study abroad](http://binghamton-oip.terradotta.com).

To get to know your professors and their interests click, [faculty](http://www.binghamton.edu/cnes/people/index.html).

**Thank you!**

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