Welcome to Latin!

Major Overview:

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

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

The **Latin major** entails 10 courses, including five in Latin language/literature beyond the LAT 102 level. To round out their experience, students take Roman History (HIST 203, "The Rise and Fall of Rome") and four other courses approved by the department from department offerings, or in ancient or medieval history, philosophy, art or religion.

Courses:

Courses to consider:

- 100- through 300-level **Latin**
  - If you need to start with **LAT 101** (Elementary Latin I), it is recommended that you do so in fall of your freshman year (101 isn't offered in the spring) or no later than your sophomore year.

- **LAT 380M**: Passion(s) in Ovid
- **LAT 380C**: The “other” in Latin Comedy
- **LAT381O**: Cicero and the Republic Falter
- **CLAS 212**, Greek and Roman Biography
- **CLAS 280R**, EternalCities: Rome & Pompeii
- **CLAS 382A**, Ancient Sexuality & Gender
Research Areas:

Research opportunities in Latin 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 Latin provides an excellent launching pad for careers in almost any intellectually demanding field of endeavor. That notably includes law; Latin 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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