

What about a major in...?

Ancient Mediterranean Studies (B.A.)

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What is Ancient Mediterranean Studies?

The program allows students to concentrate on literary and material remains from the Near East and the Mediterranean basin dating from ca. 3000 B.C.E. through 650 C.E. This long era of human history witnessed the development of the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Israel, Egypt, Greece, and Rome—cultures whose contributions remain fundamental to the modern western world. Students study the literature, history, and archaeology of these regions as a broad interconnected whole. They learn to evaluate and interpret a wide range of evidence from antiquity, as well as to appreciate the various methods by which meaning is extracted from the remains of other cultures and times.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select “Undergraduate majors.”

How do I declare an Ancient Mediterranean Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon an Ancient Mediterranean Studies major, meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Ancient Mediterranean Studies?

Skills

Ancient Mediterranean Studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Knowledge of classical civilizations and cultures
- Ability to interpret and report data
- Critical thinking, reading, and evaluation skills
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Knowledge of cultures and cultural differences

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Education—teaching, research, administration
- Nonprofit—administration, fundraising, museum work
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting
- Government—archaeological site work, public information, research

For more information:

About the Ancient Mediterranean Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising
245 Nicholson
(612) 625-5353
<http://cnes.cla.umn.edu/>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Languages and Mathematics Student Community
114 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7540
<http://langmath.class.umn.edu>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu>

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/honors@class.cla.umn.edu

- Communication—writing, editing, public relations, management

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!