

What is Classical Civilization?

This interdisciplinary program encompasses the study of Greek and Roman cultures and their influence on Western civilization, and encourages study of related or parallel cultures such as those of Islam and the Indian subcontinent. It provides a comprehensive alternative to more specialized majors that focus primarily on one aspect or subject matter of classical antiquity and the spheres of its influence, such as art, archaeology, history, philosophy, and literature; or on a narrower span of historical periods. The program enables students to investigate classical civilization and its heritage from several perspectives and become acquainted with the methods and aims of several disciplines.

What are the major requirements?

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

How do I declare a Classical Civilization major?

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

1. Talk with someone from the department such as an adviser or a professor to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Classical Civilization major, meet with Professor Tom Clayton from the department 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 student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Classical Civilization?

There are no careers *in* Classical Civilization. CICv is not a vocational program; it is a concentrated, trans-cultural liberal arts major. As such, it educates its students both broadly and intensively, and prepares them for many kinds of work and advanced study. Today’s workplace requires individuals who are imaginative, well informed, and adaptable, who can analyze and solve problems and communicate effectively with diverse audiences. Classical Civilization majors find that they are well-prepared in all these ways, and better qualified by the subject matter of their study, the classical heritage of Greece and Rome, which is not only the foundation of Western culture, but a regular source of influence and adaptation by other cultures, as well. Such a program of study—especially when enhanced by experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, jobs, and other collegiate involvement—enables majors to be very competitive in today’s marketplace and successful in many endeavors, vocational and otherwise.

For more information:

About the Classical Civilization major:
Undergraduate Advising
360 Nicholson
(612) 625-7565
<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.honors.class.umn.edu/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Skills

Classical civilization majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- Broad knowledge of Greek and Roman cultures, and of classical traditions
- An enhanced vocabulary and expressive resources in English through the study of Latin and/or Greek
- Critical interpretation and analysis
- Preparation for understanding cultures of every kind

Employment

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

- Education—teaching, research, administration
- Communication—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Nonprofit—administration, fundraising, museum work
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting
- Government—public information, campaigns, research

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!