

What is Latin?

Modern “Romance” languages (French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese) are derived from Latin, as is much English vocabulary. The Latin major allows students to enjoy a large range of literature written over more than a millennium and a half. It is concerned with the language and literature of the Roman Republic and Empire and later Latin literature from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, as well as with Roman religion, history, archaeology and art. It is in its essence interdisciplinary; it also has connections with the study of Greek and other ancient languages and cultures, as well as with the majors in Classical Civilization and Religious Studies and minors such as Medieval Studies.

What are the major requirements?

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

How do I declare a Latin 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 a Latin major, meet with the Director of Undergraduate Studies from the Classical and Near Eastern Studies 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 Latin?

Skills

Latin majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Knowledge of Latin and exposure to a wide range of literature
- An enhanced English vocabulary
- Analyzing and critical thinking 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
- Communication—writing, editing, public relations, management
- Nonprofit—administration, fundraising, museum work
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting
- Government—public information, campaigns, research

For more information:

About the Latin major:

Classical and Near Eastern
Studies Undergraduate
Advising Office
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://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
<http://cclc.umn.edu/>
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
<http://cla.umn.edu/honors/>
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

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!