Candidates may choose to emphasize in Greek or Latin, classical art and
archaeology, classical antiquity or the teaching of Latin (MAT).

It is expected that students opting for the teaching of Latin either have
achieved accreditation at the secondary level or are planning to do so
through the School of Education. The MA degree alone does not satisfy
the state requirements for certification.

For more information, visit the department’s Graduate Degrees in Classics
(http://www.colorado.edu/classics/graduate/graduate-degrees-classics)
webpage.

Concurrent Degree Program
BA/MA in Classics
The five-year BA/MA concurrent degree program in classics is designed
for students who enter the University of Colorado ready to take courses
in Latin or Greek at the 3000-level or above, and who wish to prepare
themselves for application to competitive PhD programs in classics.

Students without adequate preparation in at least one language would
find it difficult to complete two degrees in five years, since proficiency in
the languages comes largely from practice and experience. Students will
normally need to study both Latin and Greek in order to meet their course
requirements within five years; course offerings in just one language will
normally not be sufficient. The five-year degree combines the BA in Greek
and/or Latin (Track I), Plan II (no thesis). Students with strong research
interests may be able to complete the BA with honors or the MA with
concentration in Greek or Latin, Plan I (with thesis). Graduates of the BA/
MA program who have completed their work in excellent fashion will be
well prepared to apply for PhD programs in classics. Students who enter
CU with an already strong knowledge of Latin or Greek may be eligible to
pursue a five-year concurrent bachelor’s/master’s degree (BA/MA).

Here is a guide to the concurrent degree program (http://
www.colorado.edu/classics/bama-guide); for more information, contact
the associate chair for undergraduate studies.

Requirements
Degree Emphases
Latin or Greek Emphasis
Candidates are required to complete at least six graduate-level courses
(18 credit hours) in Greek and/or Latin, and to pass a three-hour written
examination in translation and analysis of the major language. Students
intending to pursue the PhD in classics are strongly advised to develop
proficiency in both Latin and Greek, and to acquire a reading knowledge
of German and at least one other modern foreign language (normally
French or Italian).

Teaching of Latin Emphasis
Candidates are required to complete at least four graduate-level courses
(12 credit hours) in Latin, one Latin workshop (3 credit hours), one course
in Roman history (3 credit hours), and a special teaching project (3
credit hours) and must pass a three-hour written examination in Latin
translation and a one-hour oral comprehensive examination on teaching
methods and their own Latin teaching project. Plan I is not offered for the
MA degree with emphasis on teaching.

Classical Art and Archaeology Emphasis
Candidates are required to complete at least two graduate-level courses
(6 credit hours) in Greek or Latin and five graduate-level courses
(15 credit hours) in ancient and/or medieval art and archaeology. In
addition, they must pass written examinations on Greek and Roman
art and archaeology. Students intending to pursue the PhD in classical
archaeology are strongly recommended to develop proficiency in
both Latin and Greek and to acquire a reading knowledge of German
and at least one other modern foreign language (normally French or
Italian). With the approval of the associate chair for graduate studies,
graduate-level classes in Greek or Latin may be substituted for classical
archaeology or history.

Classical Antiquity Emphasis
Candidates are required to complete at least two graduate-level courses
(6 credit hours) in Greek and/or Latin, two graduate-level courses (6
credit hours) in ancient history and/or classical archaeology and must
pass a written examination in two of the following fields: history, art and
archaeology, religion and mythology, philosophy and political theory and
Greek or Latin translation.

Degree Plans
Plan I: Thesis Option
Candidates for the MA plan I (24–27 credit hours of course work at the
5000 level or above, plus 3–6 credit hours of thesis) take a one-hour oral
comprehensive examination in defense of the thesis.

Plan II: Comprehensive Examination Option
Candidates for the MA plan II (30 credit hours at the 5000 level or above,
without a thesis) must have departmental approval and pass a one-hour
oral comprehensive examination covering their course work and reading
lists for their exams.