CLASSES

The Department of Classics is home to one of the most vibrant programs at the University of Colorado Boulder. Students at every level in the department are challenged to acquire a set of skills in the analysis and presentation of diverse forms of evidence, that stand to serve them in their daily, civic and professional lives.

The field of Classics is multicultural; it involves the study of the civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome, but also of the many peoples with whom the Greeks and Romans interacted in central and eastern Europe, north Africa, Egypt and the Middle East.

The field of Classics is interdisciplinary because faculty and students in the department cross the boundaries of literature, philosophy, material and visual culture, history and religion to study the world of antiquity. Classics also covers area studies because of the broad sweep of the Mediterranean basin and the regions that border it that our field encompasses. The department offers courses in language and literature, ancient history, philosophy, and art and archaeology within several programs of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Course codes for this program are CLAS, GREK and LATN.

Master's Degree

- Classics - Master of Arts (MA) (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate-colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/classics/classics-master-arts-ma)

Doctoral Degree

- Classics - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (catalog.colorado.edu/graduate-colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/classics/classics-doctor-philosophy-phd)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member's home department.

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Courses

CLAS 5021 (3) Athens and Greek Democracy  
Studies Greek history from 800 B.C. (the rise of the city-state) to 323 B.C. (the death of Alexander the Great). Emphasizes the development of democracy in Athens. Readings are in the primary sources.  
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4021 and HIST 4021

Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Ancient History
CLAS 5031 (3) Alexander the Great and the Rise of Macedonia
Covers Macedonia's rise to dominance in Greece under Philip II and the
reign and conquests of Alexander the Great.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4031 and
HIST 4031
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Ancient History

CLAS 5041 (3) Classical Greek Political Thought
Studies main representatives of political philosophy in antiquity (Plato,
Aristotle, Cicero) and of the most important concepts and values of
ancient political thought. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4041 and
HIST 4041 and PHIL 4210
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5051 (3) Twilight of Antiquity
Explores the reasons for the fall of the Roman Empire in the western
Mediterranean and its survival in the East as Byzantium. Emphasizes
Christianity; barbarians; social, economic and cultural differences;
contemporary views of Rome; and modern scholarship. No Greek or Latin
is required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4051 and
HIST 4051 and HIST 5051
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5061 (3) Seminar in Ancient Social History
Considers topics ranging from demography, disease, family structure,
and the organization of daily life to ancient slavery, economics, and law.
Focuses either on Persia, Greece, or Rome and includes a particular
emphasis on the methodology required to reconstruct an ancient society,
especially the interpretation of problematic literary and material evidence
and the selective use of comparisons with better known societies. No Greek or Latin
is required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4061 and
HIST 4061 and HIST 5061
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5071 (3) Roman Republic
Studies the Roman Republic from its foundation in 753 B.C. to its
conclusion with the career of Augustus. Emphasizes the development of
Roman Republican government. Readings are in the primary sources. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4071 and
HIST 4071
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5081 (3) Roman Empire
Intense survey of Imperial Rome from the Roman revolution to the
passing of centralized political authority in the western Mediterranean.
Emphasizes life, letters and personalities of the empire. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4091 and
HIST 4091
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5099 (3) Ancient Greek Sculpture
Understanding the Greek sculpture, like all visual media, was part of the
fabric of ancient Greek life and expressed the values of its creators and
audience is a valuable way to gain insights into the social, economic, and
political world of ancient Greece. This course will examine the work of
Greek sculptors from the Archaic to the Hellenistic period. Key stylistic
and technical developments, as well as significant works of art, sculptors
and workshops will be discussed in detail. Some issues we will consider
are the physical, religious and/or socio-historical context of individual
freestanding sculptures and how specific sculptural programs illustrate
aspects of Greek culture. Iconographic and narrative choices made
by artists working in stone, compared to other material, will also be
addressed.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4099, ARTH 4099
and ARTH 5099

CLAS 5109 (3) Ancient Italian Painting
Covers Macedonia's rise to dominance in Greece under Philip II and the
reign and conquests of Alexander the Great.

CLAS 5110 (3) Greek and Roman Epic
Students read in English translation the major epics of Graeco-
Roman antiquity such as the Iliad, Odyssey, Argonautica, Aeneid, and
Metamorphoses. Topics discussed may include the nature of classical
epic, its relation to the novel, and its legacy. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4110 and
ARTH 4110 and ARTH 5110
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5119 (3) Roman Sculpture
Examines ancient Roman sculpture, emphasizing the display,
iconography, and production of private and public monuments in
the Roman Empire. Explores sculpture as evidence for historical
developments, societal and gender attitudes, and state ideologies in the
ancient Roman world.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4119 and
ARTH 4119 and ARTH 5119
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

CLAS 5120 (3) Greek and Roman Tragedy
Intensive study of selected tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides
and Seneca in English translation. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4120 and
HUMN 4120
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.

Additional Information: Departmental Category: Literature, Culture, and
Thought
CLAS 5129 (3) Aegean Art and Archaeology
Detailed study of the cultures of prehistoric Greece, the Cycladic Islands and Crete, their art and archaeology and their history within the broader context of the eastern Mediterranean, from earliest human settlement to the collapse of the Bronze Age at about 1100 B.C.E. Emphasis is on palace states.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4129 and ANTH 4129 and ANTH 5129 and ARTH 4129
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5130 (3) Greek and Roman Comedy
Studies Aristophanes, Plautus, and Terence in English translation. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4130 and HUMN 4130
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Literature, Culture, and Thought

CLAS 5139 (3) Greek Vase Painting
A comprehensive overview of Greek vase painting, from prehistoric through the fourth century B.C.E. Emphasis is on learning the development of primary decorative styles and on refining skills of visual analysis, scholarly research, critical thinking, oral commentary and written presentation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4139 and ARTH 4139 and ARTH 5139
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5140 (3) The Greek and Roman Novel
Studies a number of complete Greek and Roman novels from Classical Antiquity and their predecessors and contemporary neighbors in the genres of Greek prose fiction. Ancient texts in English translation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4140 and HUMN 4131
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Literature, Culture, and Thought

CLAS 5149 (3) Greek Cities and Sanctuaries
Examines Greek architecture in context, from the ninth century B.C.E. into the Hellenistic period, considering the use of space, both in religious and in civic settings and using texts as well as material culture. Emphasis is on developing analytical skills.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4149 and ARTH 4149
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5159 (3) Hellenistic Art and Archaeology
Examines art and archaeology from the period following the death of Alexander the Great (late fourth century B.C.E.) to the conquest of Greece by the Romans (middle second century B.C.E.).
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ARTH 5159
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5169 (3) Topics in Ancient and Classical Art and Archaeology
In-depth consideration of an aspect of ancient Mediterranean culture. Topics vary and may include ancient wall painting, Greek sculpture, artists and patrons, the ancient Near East, Egyptian art and archaeology, or Etruscan art and archaeology.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4169 and ARTH 4169 and ARTH 5169
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5179 (3) City of Athens
Explores in detail the buildings, sculptures, pots, foreign imports and society of Athens, considering material culture of individuals as much as civic programs. Emphasis is on ways the textual and archaeological evidence complement and/or contradict one another. Focuses on the Periclean period, considering ways in which it developed from earlier times and influenced later ones in Athens.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ARTH 5179
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5189 (3) City of Rome
Explores in detail the architecture, sculptures, coins, frescoes and other material evidence alongside the political and social history of Augustan Rome. Emphasis is on ways in which the textual and archaeological evidence complement and/or contradict one another. Explores the impact of the early imperial period on later Roman phases of urban design and image making in the capital city.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ARTH 5189
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5199 (3) Roman Architecture
Examines the designs, functions and construction methods of ancient Roman towns, temples, baths, houses and civic structures, as well as utilitarian structures including roads and aqueducts. Emphasizes Roman architectural forms and spaces as vehicles for political propaganda and empire consolidation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4199 and ARTH 4199
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5209 (6) Classical Archaeological Field Methods
Offers experiential learning in theories and methods of archaeological fieldwork in the western Argolid in Greece. Applies methods for extensive survey, stratigraphic excavation, GIS modeling, ceramic analysis, numismatic analysis, architectural studies, artifact and data processing and documentation. Offered abroad only.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4209 and ARTH 4209
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Recommended: Prerequisite CLAS 1509 or ARTH 1509 or CLAS 2049 or ARTH 2049.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology
CLAS 5229 (3) Ancient Egyptian Art and Archaeology
Archaeology of ancient Egypt in light of recent excavations; the history of excavations of the different sites; and the art of ancient Egypt through time. Formerly ANTH 5420.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4229 and ARTH 4229 and ARTH 5229
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5269 (3) Art and Archaeology of the Ancient Near East
Examines civilizations of the Iran-Iraq region from the rise of urbanism in Mesopotamia through the era of the first 'world empire,' Achaemenid Persia. Emphasizes the material record of religious and state institutions of the ancient Near East, especially monuments that illustrate concepts of kingship. Explores notions of style, symbolism, visual rhetoric, text-image synthesis, patronage, creativity and roles of artists.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4269 and ARTH 4269 and ARTH 5269
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 5761 (3) Roman Law
Studies the constitutional and legal history of ancient Rome; emphasizes basic legal concepts and comparisons with American law. No Greek or Latin required.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: CLAS 4761 and HIST 4761 and HIST 5761
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Ancient History

CLAS 5840 (1-3) Graduate Independent Study
No Greek or Latin required.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Ancient History

CLAS 6109 (3) Topics in Critical Theory and Ancient Art and Archaeology
Topics will vary and may focus on a particular approach to ancient material culture or on a particular time period or artifact category. Emphasis is placed on reading and using theory in considering the ancient world.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 6119 (1-3) Graduate Independent Study in Classical Art and Archaeology
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 6952 (1-6) Master's Thesis
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 7011 (3) Seminar in Ancient History
Examines topics in ancient Greek and Roman history at an advanced seminar level.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Ancient History

CLAS 7012 (3) Graduate Seminar
Topic specified in online Schedule Planner.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Classical Philology

CLAS 7109 (3) Graduate Seminar in Ancient and Classical Art and Archaeology
Topics vary. Emphasis is on gaining expertise in using archaeological reports in tandem with (or contradiction to) textual sources, on reading and using critical theory, on improving analytical skills and discussion, and on honing discussion leadership abilities.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Art and Archaeology

CLAS 7840 (1-3) Graduate Independent Study
No Greek or Latin required.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Literature, Culture, and Thought

CLAS 8992 (1-10) Doctoral Dissertation
All doctoral students must register for not fewer than 30 hours of dissertation credit as part of the requirements for the degree. For a detailed discussion of doctoral dissertation credit, refer to the Graduate School section.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Classical Philology

GREK 5013 (3) Topics in Greek Prose
Author or topic in ancient Greek specified in the online Schedule Planner (e.g., Thucydides, Herodotus, Plato, Aristotle, Attic Orators).
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: GREK 4013
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek

GREK 5023 (3) Topics in Greek Poetry
Author or topic in ancient Greek specified in the online Schedule Planner (e.g., Homer, Hesiod, lyric poetry, tragedy, comedy).
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: GREK 4023
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek

GREK 5093 (3) Survey of Greek Literature
Greek literary history in ancient Greece from Homer to the Hellenistic age.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: GREK 4093
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek

GREK 6003 (3) Graduate Reading
Author or topic specified in the online Schedule Planner.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek

GREK 6843 (1-3) Graduate Independent Study
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 7.00 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek
GREEK 7013 (3) Graduate Seminar in Greek Literature
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Greek

LATN 5014 (3) Topics in Latin Prose
Author or topic in Latin specified in the online Schedule Planner (e.g., Roman historians, Roman epistolography, Cicero, Roman novel).
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4014
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5024 (3) Latin Prose Composition
Reviews grammar and syntax. Introduces Latin prose style and composition. Formerly CLAS 5024.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4024
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5044 (3) Topics in Latin Poetry
Author or topic specified in Latin specified in the online Schedule Planner (e.g., Roman elegy, Neronian poetry, Lucretius, Roman satire).
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4044
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5084 (3) Survey of Roman Literature Part 2: Imperial
Covers Imperial Roman literary history from the mid-late Augustan Period to the start of Late Antiquity. Students read principal surviving works of Imperial Roman poetry and prose in the original Latin.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4084
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5094 (3) Survey of Roman Literature Part 1: Republican to Augustan
Introduces Roman literary history from its origins to the 30s BCE. Students read principal surviving works of the Roman Republican poetry and prose in the original Latin.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4094
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5404 (3) Special Project: Teaching
Trains students to prepare classroom-ready materials, which are then tested in the students’ own classroom. Required of master’s candidates (teaching of Latin option). Formerly CLAS 5404.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 5824 (3) Latin Teaching Methods: Open Topics
Covers specialized topics in Latin pedagogy specified in the online Schedule Planner.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: LATN 4824
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin

LATN 6004 (3) Graduate Reading
Author or topic specified in the online Schedule Planner. Formerly CLAS 6004.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.00 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to graduate students only.
Additional Information: Departmental Category: Latin