GREEK AND LATIN LANGUAGES (GKLT) CGS

All students must meet the Requirements for the Certificates of Graduate Study

OVERVIEW

Students and scholars in many disciplines (e.g. classics, history, English, Medieval studies, religious studies, philosophy) need proficiency in Latin and Greek to carry out research. Other students come to classics too late in their undergraduate career to acquire language proficiency at a level which qualifies them for Ph.D. or M.A.T. programs. Still other students are high school teachers who want to expand their repertoire of teaching subjects or who simply want to improve their mastery of their subject matter. Every year, excellent students inquire about the M.A. program who do not have sufficient Greek or Latin. Although some students may need to take a course or two prior to formally beginning the program in order to bring their Greek or Latin up to the level at which courses count for the certificate, this certificate offers an intensive language experience designed for such students.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Admission to the Certificate of Graduate Study

Greek and Latin language abilities sufficient to succeed in advanced courses (generally, the bare minimum is at least 3 semesters or the equivalent in each language; students will struggle if they have only the bare minimum).

Minimum Degree Requirements for Certificate of Graduate Study in Greek and Latin Languages

Requirements for the Greek and Latin Languages certificate include a minimum of 15 credits chosen from the following:

- 3-6 credits of Latin (GKLT 381A: Latin Seminar)
- 3-6 credits of Greek (GKLT 381B: Greek Seminar)
- 6 credits in Greek Prose Style or Latin Prose Style (GRK 211, GRK 212 or LAT 211, LAT 212)

Details of requirements for the GKLT certificate:

- GKLT 381 Seminar. Intensive study at the graduate level of Greek or Latin authors not read in the candidate’s undergraduate program. Credit as arranged (usually 3 per semester).
  This course is conventionally labelled 381A for Latin and 381B for Greek iterations. This course meets concurrently with LAT 2XX or GRK 2XX but students enrolled at the 381 level are held to higher standards and do more work.

Two sections of GKLT 381, one in each language, are offered every semester.

- GRK 211 and GRK 212 Greek Prose Style. Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in composition. 3 credits each.
- LAT 211 and LAT 212 Latin Prose Style. Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in composition. 3 credits each.

The courses are taught in the following sequence, one per semester:
LAT 211 Fall, GRK 212 Spring, GRK 211 Fall, LAT 212 Spring, then begin the cycle again. Thus Certificate students will get at least one semester of each sequence, with those who do the 3-semester option getting three semesters. Occasionally, the order in a given academic year is reversed (e.g. LAT 212 Fall, then GRK 211 Spring), but that does not affect students’ ability to fulfill the certificate program’s requirements, as the courses need not be taken in sequence.

- Certificate students are strongly encouraged to sit in on intermediate level classes or higher level classes which they are not taking for credit, though no credit will be given for such audits. Students will do daily preparation but not take exams or do projects.

LAT 101/LAT 102 Survey Latin Literature. Selections from principal Roman authors.


(These intermediate-level courses include a good deal of syntax review and vocabulary building. As such, they admirably complement the graduate-level courses. The pace is slower and there is more emphasis on explaining syntax and building vocabulary.) The aim of auditing lower level courses concomitantly with their credit-bearing work is to give certificate students something closer to a language immersion experience.

In some cases, other graduate courses may be used in fulfillment of requirements, with explicit approval from the Classics Faculty. Certificate students must maintain a GPA of 3.00.