Classics, the study of Greek and Roman civilization in the broadest sense, is the original and quintessential liberal arts degree. The field is inherently multidisciplinary and provides access to a cultural continuum spanning over three millennia up to and including the present day.

Classics majors at UVM can study Greek and Roman culture in the original languages and take an array of English-language courses that cover a wide area: mythology, epic and lyric poetry, drama, satire, art and architecture, historiography, political theory, and philosophy. The special research interests of UVM’s Classics faculty shape and enrich the department’s curriculum, integrating in-depth work in topics such as oral tradition studies; the history of writing, books and printing; ancient farming and technology; ancient music; ancient Near Eastern history and literature; historical linguistics and etymology; Greek and Roman philosophy; Roman history; topography, and myth; and women in antiquity.

MAJORS

CLASSICS MAJORS

Classical Civilization B.A. (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/classicalcivilizationmajor/)

Greek B.A. (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/greekmajor/)

Latin B.A. (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/latinmajor/)

MINORS

CLASSICS MINORS

Classical Civilization (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/classicalcivilizationminor/)

Greek Language and Literature (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/greekminor/)

Latin Language and Literature (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/undergraduate/artsandsciences/classics/latinlanguageminor/)

GRADUATE

Greek and Latin Languages (GKLT) CGS

Greek and Latin M.A.

Greek and Latin M.A.T.

See the online Graduate Catalogue (http://catalogue.uvm.edu/graduate/) for more information.

Classics Courses

CLAS 015. From Cuneiform to Kindle. 3 Credits.
Topics in script, literacy, books, libraries, cultural expression, preservation, and access from ancient Mesopotamia to the age of printing and the era of electronic information.

CLAS 021. Greek History and Civilization. 3 Credits.
Political, social, cultural, and literary development of ancient Greece. May be repeated for credit with different content: typically alternates between early period (Bronze Age through Persian Wars) and late (Athenian Empire through Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World). Cross-listed with: HST 021.

CLAS 022. Etymology. 3 Credits.
The study of English vocabulary derived from Greek and Latin. Topics include analysis of word formation, historical and comparative linguistics, and international scientific terminology.

CLAS 023. Classical Roman Civilization. 3 Credits.
Political, social, cultural, and literary development of ancient Rome. May be repeated for credit with different content: normally alternates between early period (Monarchy and Republic) and late (Empire). Cross-listed with: HST 022.

CLAS 024. Myths/Legends Trojan War. 3 Credits.
Homer’s epics, Virgil’s Aeneid, selections from tragedy dealing with the Trojan War and Greco-Roman cultural identity. Examples from art and archaeology supplement the literary theme. Cross-listed with: WLIT 024.

CLAS 042. Mythology. 3 Credits.
Greek myth in literature, art, and music from antiquity to modern times. No prerequisites. Spring semester. Cross-listed with: WLIT 042.

CLAS 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CLAS 092. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CLAS 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CLAS 096. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CLAS 121. Greek History and Civilization. 3 Credits.
Political, social, cultural, and literary development of ancient Greece. May be repeated for credit with different content: normally alternates between early period (Bronze Age through Persian Wars) and late (Athenian Empire through Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World). Prerequisite: HST 009 or appropriate work in Classics. Cross-listed with: HST 121.
CLAS 122. Roman History and Civilization. 3 Credits.
Political, social, cultural, and literary development of ancient Rome. 
May be repeated for credit with different content: normally alternates 
between early period (Monarchy and Republic) and late (Empire). 
Prerequisite: HST 009 or appropriate work in Classics. Cross-listed 
with: HST 122.

CLAS 140. The Classics Now and Then. 3 Credits.
Multidisciplinary survey of seminal Greek and Latin texts in various 
genres and their reception in later periods in many media, including 
literature, criticism, philosophy, music, theater, television, and film. 
Prerequisite: Minimum Sophomore standing.

CLAS 145. D2: Comparative Epic. 3 Credits.
Interdisciplinary introduction to epic poetry and performance, from 
Gilgamesh and the Homeric poems to the Kalevala traditions of 
Finland to the griot poetry and music of West Africa. Prerequisite: 
Sophomore standing. Cross-listed with: WLIT 145.

CLAS 147. Ancient Law. 3 Credits.
Comparative study of three major ancient legal systems and their 
roles in their respective societies: ancient Near East (Sumerian to 
Hittite), Greek, and Roman. Prerequisite: Three credits in Classics, 
History, Philosophy, or Political Science. Cross-listed with: HST 147, 
POLS 182.

CLAS 150. SU:Sustainability Cultural Hst. 3 Credits.
Through selected readings spanning over two thousand years traces 
the trajectory of modern notions of ecological and socio-economic 
sustainability back through time. Includes experiential component 
at the Instructor’s sheep farm. Prerequisites: Three hours in Classics, 
Environmental Studies, or a related discipline. Cross-listed with: 
ENVS 168.

CLAS 161. The Divine Plato. 3 Credits.
A survey of Plato’s works, including the “early,” “middle,” and parts 
of the “late” dialogues. Emphasis will be laid on reading the dialogues 
themselves. Prerequisite: One course in Philosophy, or one course in 
Classics (Greek Culture or Greek). Cross-listed with: PHIL 108.

CLAS 163. Stoicism. 3 Credits.
Primary texts of Greek and Roman Stoics (Zeno, Chrysippus, 
Epictetus, Seneca, Marcus Aurelius) form the backbone of this 
course, which concentrates on Stoic ethics, psychology, and 
epistemology, but also covers physics and logic, as well Stoic 
influence on modern thought. Prerequisite: Three credit hours in 
Philosophy, or in Classics, Latin, or Greek.

CLAS 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured 
academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff 
team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which 
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CLAS 191. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.
Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in 
an introductory-level course in the discipline, for which credit is 
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

CLAS 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
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under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is 
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CLAS 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

CLAS 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research 
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CLAS 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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CLAS 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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CLAS 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
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projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is 
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Greek Latin Courses
GKLT 295. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles. Undergraduate only.

Greek Courses
GRK 001. Elementary Ancient Greek. 4 Credits.
Fundamentals of fifth-century Attic (Athenian) Greek, in preparation 
for reading great works of Thucydides, Aeschylus, Sophocles, 
Euripides, Aristophanes, Lysias, Plato, Aristotle, Demosthenes, 
Homer, Herodotus, Sappho, Pindar, New Testament, and more.
GRK 001. Self-Paced Greek. 1-8 Credits.
Fundamentals of Classical Greek through tutorial instruction, credit dependent on amount of material learned. May be repeated for credit. No credit with GRK 002.

GRK 002. Elementary Ancient Greek. 4 Credits.

GRK 003. Self-Paced Greek. 1-8 Credits.
Fundamentals of Classical Greek through tutorial instruction, credit dependent on amount of material learned. May be repeated for credit. No credit with GRK 001 and GRK 002.

GRK 051. Intermediate Ancient Greek. 3 Credits.
Review of syntax. Readings from Plato, Herodotus, and Euripides. Prerequisite: GRK 002 or equivalent.

GRK 052. Intermediate Ancient Greek. 3 Credits.
Review of syntax. Readings from various authors. Prerequisite: GRK 051 or equivalent.

GRK 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

GRK 092. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
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GRK 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

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GRK 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
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GRK 205. Greek Philosophers. 3 Credits.
Dialogues of Plato with attention to language and dialectical method; Aristotle, Xenophon or Presocratic philosophers may be read. Alternate years, as needed. Prerequisite: GRK 052 or equivalent.

GRK 206. Greek Epic. 3 Credits.
Reading in the Iliad and Odyssey. Problems of epic composition and language together with mythological and historical background. Alternate years, as needed. Prerequisite: GRK 052 or equivalent.

GRK 211. Greek Prose Style. 3 Credits.
Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in composition. Required of Greek majors. Prerequisite: GRK 052 or equivalent. Co-requisite: GRK at the 200-level.

GRK 212. Greek Prose Style. 3 Credits.
Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in composition. Required of Greek majors. Prerequisite: GRK 052 or equivalent. Co-requisite: GRK at the 200-level.

GRK 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.
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GRK 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GRK 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Advanced courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

GRK 297. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.
LAT 001. Elementary. 0 or 4 Credits.
For students who present less than two years of high school Latin.

LAT 002. Elementary Latin. 4 Credits.
For students who present less than two years of high school Latin.
Prerequisite: LAT 001 or equivalent.

LAT 003. Self-Paced Latin. 1-8 Credits.
Fundamentals of Classical Latin through tutorial instruction, credit
dependent on amount of material learned. May be repeated for credit.
No credit with LAT 001 and LAT 002.

LAT 051. Intermediate Latin. 3 Credits.
Selections from Cicero and other prose authors. Prerequisite:
LAT 002 or equivalent.

LAT 052. Intermediate Latin. 3 Credits.
Selections from Vergil and Ovid. Prerequisite: LAT 002 or equivalent.

LAT 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.
On-site supervised work experience combined with a structured
academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff
team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which
academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

LAT 095. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of
existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific
titles.

LAT 096. Introductory Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Introductory courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of
existing departmental offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific
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LAT 097. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.
A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student,
which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting
under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is
awarded. Offered at department discretion.

LAT 101. Survey Latin Literature. 3 Credits.
Selections from principal Roman authors. Prerequisite: LAT 051 or
LAT 052 or equivalent.

LAT 102. Survey Latin Literature. 3 Credits.
Selections from principal Roman authors. Prerequisite: LAT 051 or
LAT 052 or equivalent.

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LAT 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.
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LAT 204. Roman Epic Poetry. 3 Credits.
Extensive reading in Lucretius, Vergil, Ovid, and others. Alternate
years, as needed. Prerequisite: LAT 101 or LAT 102 or equivalent.

LAT 211. Latin Prose Style. 3 Credits.
Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in
composition. Required of Latin majors. Prerequisite: LAT 101 or
LAT 102 or equivalent. Co-requisite: LAT at the 200-level.

LAT 212. Latin Prose Style. 3 Credits.
Readings in literary prose analyzed stylistically and imitated in
composition. Required of Latin majors. Prerequisite: LAT 101 or
LAT 102 or equivalent. Co-requisite: LAT at the 200-level.

LAT 227. Roman Lyric Poets. 3 Credits.
Selections from the works of Catullus, Horace, Propertius, and
Tibullus. Alternate years, as needed. Prerequisite: LAT 101 or
LAT 102 or equivalent.

LAT 251. Roman Letters. 3 Credits.
Letters of Cicero, Horace, and Pliny. Alternate years, as needed.
Prerequisite: LAT 101 or LAT 102 or equivalent.

LAT 253. Roman Oratory. 3 Credits.
Selections from Cicero’s De Oratore, Orator, Brutus, and from his
speeches. Historical development of forensic and other rhetorical
canons. Alternate years, as needed. Prerequisite: LAT 101 or
LAT 102 or equivalent.

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