

CLASSICAL LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATION

The classics department at Fordham teaches courses in the Latin and Greek languages as well as courses pertaining to the culture of ancient Greece and Rome. Two areas of major or minor concentration are offered: classical languages and classical civilization. Classical languages involve the study of Latin, Greek, or both languages and literatures.

A concentration in classical civilization requires no study of Latin or Greek, although it may be included; rather it consists of courses in Greek and Roman literature, history, mythology, art, philosophy, religion and other areas, all taught in English translation. Acquaintance with, and appreciation of, classical languages and literatures and the classical tradition is essential to Fordham's identity as a university in the Catholic tradition.

Program Activities

Students who are academically qualified are invited to become members of Eta Sigma Phi, the National Honors Society for Classics. Chapters are operative on both campuses. The department encourages and supports the activities of an undergraduate classics club. All undergraduates are invited to the lectures sponsored by the department, including the annual Robert Carrubba Memorial Lecture.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the many opportunities for study abroad available through Fordham both during the summer months and the academic year.

Fellowship monies are available for qualified students majoring in classics during their junior and senior years.

For more information

Visit the Classical Languages and Civilizations department web page.

Contribution to the Core

The department participates actively in the core curriculum.

Classes in Latin or Greek fulfill the foreign language requirement. The B.A. requirement may be fulfilled by completing Greek Language and Literature (GREK 2001) or Latin Language and Literature (LATN 2001) or one advanced course.

The prerequisite for GREK 2001 or LATN 2001, the exit-level course, is Intermediate Greek I (GREK 1501) or Intermediate Latin I (LATN 1501).

Students with sufficient previous language training may be placed directly into the intermediate (GREK 1501 or LATN 1501), literature (exit) (GREK 2001 or LATN 2001), or advanced reading level in Greek or Latin (GREK or LATN 3000s).

HIST 1210 Understanding Historical Change: Ancient Greece and HIST 1220 Understanding Historical Change: Ancient Rome are core area history courses. Core area courses are taken by all students during the first year and sophomore year and must be completed by the end of sophomore year.

The department offers three Texts and Contexts courses (CLAS 2000 Texts and Contexts): Myth in Greco-Roman Literature, Gender in Greco-

Roman Literature, Tragedy and Comedy. All sections fulfill Eloquentia Perfecta 2 requirements.

CLAS 3030 Athenian Democracy, CLAS 3050 Pagans and Christians, CLAS 3141 Love, Fate, and Death in the Ancient Novel, CLAS 4020 The Classical Tradition in Contemporary Fiction and Film are Eloquentia Perfecta 3 courses.

Courses taken in the ancient world to fulfill core requirements may also be used for a major or minor in classics.

Programs

- Classical Civilization Major
- Classical Civilization Minor
- Classical Languages Major
- Classical Languages Minor