A Classics Minor

Minors are offered in Classical Languages, Greek, Latin, Ancient Civilization, and Health and the Human Condition. Always consult the current University Catalog for the most updated requirements.

Minors in Greek, Latin, Ancient Civilization, and Health and the Human Condition require a minimum of 15 s.h.

Minor in Ancient Civilization
✦ 12 s.h. of advanced (100-level) classics courses taught in English
✦ Relevant courses in art history, anthropology, religious studies, history, and philosophy may, with advisor approval, be counted toward the minor
✦ No Latin or Greek is required

Minor in Health & the Human Condition
✦ At least 3 s.h. of select Ethics & Values courses
✦ At least 3 s.h. of select Historical Approaches courses
✦ At least 9 s.h. of select Diversity & Global Perspectives courses

The Minor in Health and the Human Condition is interdisciplinary and draws on courses from several units in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The minor is administered through the Department of Classics. Selected courses are in the University Catalog.

Minor in Latin
✦ 2 semesters of intermediate Latin (6 s.h.)
✦ 1 or 2 advanced (100-level) Latin courses (3-6 s.h.)
✦ May take 1 advanced Classics course taught in English (3 s.h.)

Minor in Greek
✦ 2 semesters of intermediate Greek (6 s.h.)
✦ 1 or 2 advanced (100-level) Greek courses (3-6 s.h.)
✦ May take 1 advanced Classics course taught in English (3 s.h.)

Minor in Classical Languages
A minor in Classical Languages requires a minimum of 18 s.h. in Classics courses.
✦ 2 semesters each of intermediate Greek and Latin (12 s.h.)
✦ 1 or 2 advanced (100-level) Greek or Latin courses (3-6 s.h.)
✦ May take 1 advanced Classics course taught in English (3 s.h.)

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Major in Classical Languages
Graduates with a major in Classical Languages learn to read the ancient Greek and/or Latin languages, become acquainted with the major works of Greek and/or Roman literature, and acquire knowledge of the history of ancient Greece of the eighth through the fourth centuries B.C.E., where most of the modern Western notions of political, artistic, and social life are rooted, and an understanding of the Roman Republic and Empire when Rome established its hegemony over the Mediterranean basin, laid the foundation of law for the Western world, and transmitted the culture of Greece to the West. Students must earn a minimum of 36 s.h. of credit in the major. The following course distributions are required:
- 18 s.h. intermediate or advanced Greek and/or Latin courses
- 3 s.h. Greek or Latin prose composition
- 15 s.h. additional Classics courses at any level; no more than 9 s.h. may be courses in English

The Department of Classics at The University of Iowa is proud of its long and honorable tradition as one of the four original departments created at the foundation of the University in 1847. The Department’s professors are devoted not only to their personal research, but also to their students, and they teach classes in a variety of subjects, including Latin language, ancient Greek language, ancient religion, Roman and Greek history, pedagogy, ancient sports and recreation, the history of science and medicine, and classes focusing on Classical literature and philosophy. The Department also publishes its own journal – Syllecta Classica.

Major in Ancient Civilization
This is an interdisciplinary major offered by the Department of Classics, involving the School of Art and Art History and the Departments of English, History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. The major concentrates on the ancient civilization of the Mediterranean world and draws on courses offered by various departments of the University. It is not primarily a preparation for a graduate degree program in classics; nevertheless, it provides a sound basis for preparing teachers at the secondary school and junior college levels. It also provides a solid liberal arts foundation for preprofessional training in law, medicine, or the other professions.

Students majoring in Ancient Civilization complete ten courses in classics, ancient art, ancient history, and ancient philosophy or religion. Latin or Greek language courses are optional in this major.

Where are some Classics majors today?
The study of classics allows for the development of analytical and critical thinking skills, with a comprehensive understanding of language and an appreciation for art and culture. Research and writing skills are also paramount. Majors in the Department of Classics prepare students for a wide variety of graduate and professional programs, as well as a wide variety of careers:
- Publishing
- Museum studies
- Architecture
- Journalism
- Screenwriting
- Embassies and foreign affairs
- Public relations
- Theater
- Art galleries
- Archaeology
- Politics
- Psychology
- Law
- Medicine
- Community organizing
- Translation
- Education: teaching and curriculum development
- Library science
- Policy creation
- Professor
- Human relations
- Student services
- Copywriting
- Research analysis
- Marketing/advertising