

CLASSICS - B.A.

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies
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About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts program in Classics offers a fascinating journey through the rich legacy of the ancient world. With a focus on classical languages, literature and culture, you will explore the roots of Western civilization and gain valuable insights into the world today. Our program also provides opportunities for interdisciplinary studies in areas such as history, philosophy and art history. Enroll now and experience the wonders of the ancient world. Read more...

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Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Postsecondary teachers, all other

- 2.0% slower than the average
- 245,900 number of jobs
- \$71,950 potential earnings

Secondary school teachers, except special and career/technical education

- 3.8% about as fast as the average
- 1,050,800 number of jobs
- \$62,870 potential earnings

Interpreters and translators

- 20.0% much faster than the average
- 77,400 number of jobs
- \$52,330 potential earnings

Curators

- 12.6% much faster than the average
- 14,500 number of jobs
- \$56,990 potential earnings

Clergy

- 4.0% about as fast as the average
- 243,900 number of jobs
- \$51,940 potential earnings

Additional Careers

- Entrepreneurs

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics'

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students.

First-Year Students on the Kent Campus: First-year admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon cumulative grade point average, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. Students not admissible to the Kent Campus may be administratively referred to one of the seven regional campuses to begin their college coursework. For more information, visit the admissions website for first-year students.

First-Year Students on the Regional Campuses: First-year admission to Kent State's campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Twinsburg Academic Center, is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of proficiency of the English language (unless they meet specific exceptions) through the submission of an English language proficiency test score or by completing English language classes at Kent State's English as a Second Language Center before entering their program. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Former Students: Former Kent State students who have not attended another institution since Kent State and were not academically dismissed will complete the re-enrollment process through the Financial, Billing and Enrollment Center. Former students who attended another college or university since leaving Kent State must apply for admissions as a transfer or post-undergraduate student.

Transfer Students: Students who attended an educational institution after graduating from high school or earning their GED must apply as transfer students. For more information, visit the admissions website for transfer students.

Admission policies for undergraduate students may be found in the University Catalog's Academic Policies.

Students may be required to meet certain criteria to progress in their program. Any progression requirements will be listed on the program's Coursework tab

Program Requirements
Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CLAS 21404	THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
CLAS 21405	THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
CLAS 41005	HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE	3
or CLAS 41006	ROMAN HISTORY	
CLAS 41304	LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC) ¹	3
or CLAS 41503	LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	
CLAS 41401	GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
or CLAS 41402	ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	
LAT 16201	ELEMENTARY LATIN I ²	4
LAT 16202	ELEMENTARY LATIN II ²	4
Classics Culture and Language Electives, choose from the following:		9
ANTH 48150	RELIGION: A SEARCH FOR A MEANING	
ARTH 42041	ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ART	
ENG 35201	THE BIBLE AS LITERATURE	
MCLS 30420	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CULTURE STUDIES	
SOC 42561	SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION	
Any Classics (CLAS) course (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Any Greek (GRE) course (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Any Latin (LAT) course (20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Any Religion (REL) course (10000, 20000, 30000 or 40000 level)		
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below) ³		2-8
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Fine Arts		3
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		55
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

² Students with prior knowledge of Latin may be able to fulfill one or more of the requirements through an Alternative Credit option. Students may also fulfill one or more of the requirements by starting in a higher level course than LAT 16201 and applying for a proficiency waiver as outlined in the Foreign Language Placement policy. Students can make up the credit hours for any waived courses with general electives or apply the credit hours toward a second academic program.

³ Recommended: GRE 14201, GRE 14202, LAT 26201, LAT 26202

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Program Note

- Some courses in the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies are offered on a rotating basis, and course availability may change at any time. Students should see their program coordinator or academic advisor for course planning.

Foreign Language College Requirement, B.A.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete the following:

- Elementary I and II of any language (or equivalent) **and**
- One of the following options:
 - Intermediate I and II of the same language
 - Elementary I and II of a second language
 - Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - One to two college-level course(s) completed outside the United States
 - Courses: ARAB 21401, ASL 19401, CHIN 25421, MCLS 10001, MCLS 20001, MCLS 20091, MCLS 21417, MCLS 21420, MCLS 22217, MCLS 28403, MCLS 28404

All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may start beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer courses. This may be accomplished in one of three ways:

- Passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level
- Receiving credit through one of the alternative credit programs offered by Kent State University
- Demonstrating language proficiency comparable to Elementary II of a foreign language

Certain programs may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need a particular language proficiency.

Roadmaps

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
LAT 16201	ELEMENTARY LATIN I	4
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Requirement		3
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Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
LAT 16202	ELEMENTARY LATIN II	4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16

Semester Three

CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
Foreign Language and/or General Elective	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours	15

Semester Four

CLAS 21404 THE GREEK ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM) or CLAS 21405 or THE ROMAN ACHIEVEMENT (DIVG) (KHUM)	3
Foreign Language and/or General Elective	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15

Semester Five

CLAS 41005 HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE or CLAS 41006 or ROMAN HISTORY	3
Classics Culture and Language Elective	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15

Semester Six

CLAS 41304 LITERATURE OF THE ROMAN WORLD (ELR) (WIC) or CLAS 41503 or LITERATURE OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS (ELR) (WIC)	3
CLAS 41401 GREEK ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART or CLAS 41402 or ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART	3
General Electives	9
Credit Hours	15

Semester Seven

Classics Culture and Language Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15

Semester Eight

Classics Culture and Language Elective	3
General Electives	12
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies

Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate general knowledge about the literature, history and culture of classical civilization (Greece and Rome).
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the Greek or Roman cultural context within which literary, historical and other writings were produced.
3. Use primary source materials, including material culture, to better understand the cultures of the ancient world.
4. Apply critical thinking to ethical conundrums in the record of the past.
5. Recognize historical biases.
6. Analyze texts with respect to philology, literary style and cultural contexts.
7. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical and cultural significance of important sites, monuments and artifacts of the ancient Greek or Roman world.
8. Conduct research about ancient Greek or Roman material culture.
9. Read beginner passages and compose basic sentences in Latin.
10. Understand the basics of Latin morphology and syntax (verb and noun morphology, case usage, verb tenses, Latin word order and sentence structure).

Program Policies

Foreign Language Requirements

In general, students may elect any foreign language taught through the Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies. However, certain majors, concentrations and minors require specific languages or limit the languages from which students may choose. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular languages for that study. In such cases, students should seek the advice of the appropriate department before selecting a language.

Progress Toward Fulfillment

College of Arts and Sciences students are encouraged to begin meeting the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program to ensure timely degree completion.

Mandatory Outcomes Assessment

In addition to the other General Requirements of the college, candidates for an undergraduate degree in the College of Arts and Sciences are required, as a condition of graduation, to participate in an outcomes assessment. These outcomes assessments are conducted by each undergraduate degree program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Full Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Classics provides a foundation in the Western humanities while sharpening a student's analytical skills and English vocabulary through the systematic study of ancient cultures and languages.

This program provides students with a strong, general liberal arts education appropriate to many pursuits after college, including law, medicine, business, writing and publishing. Students are required to take two semesters of elementary Latin, basic courses covering the achievements of Greek and Roman cultures and a semester each of Greek or Roman history, archaeology and literature. Students also take three additional courses from the above categories as well as courses covering ancient mythology, sport, religion and language and culture studies.