Building a career on Classics

Seize the day now to enjoy a stimulating foundation for the rest of your life. "Studying the Classics can produce stronger vocabulary skills, an understanding of phonetic principles, logical thinking, problem solving skills, critical analysis of complex information and situations, understanding and appreciating other perspectives, and critical listening skills." observes Katharine Brooks, Ed.D., author of You Majored in What? She notes that "high school students who study Latin generally score higher on the SAT, and Classics majors score higher on the GRE." Psychology Today blog March 3, 2010.

Opportunities in Classics at Purdue

LATIN foundational courses (101 & 102); intermediate reading (201 & 202); advanced courses in poetry, oratory, philosophy, history, and other areas.

ANCIENT GREEK foundational courses (101 & 102); intermediate reading: New Testament koiné (201); Homer or other great archaic & classical literature (202); independent studies at advanced levels.

CLCS courses with readings in English: Classical and Comparative Mythology; Classical World Civilizations; Greek and Latin Literature surveys; Epic; Tragedy; Etymology; Greek and Roman religion; Literature & the Law; Science, Medicine, & Magic; Gender & Sexuality; history courses on Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, and many other subjects.

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Students at Purdue may pursue Majors or Minors in Classical Studies at the undergraduate level. This rich interdisciplinary field explores all aspects of ancient Greek and Roman life and thought.

We also study the impact of Classical cultures on the world today, and compare Greek and Roman civilization – history, society, literature, science, religion, mythology – with other ancient world cultures.

To help you develop your own interests, we offer a choice of three tracks emphasizing classical languages (Latin and ancient Greek), literature and culture, or material culture and history.

Even if you don't have room in your plans to pursue a Classics Major or Minor, you will have many opportunities to pursue electives and/or complete university core requirements through courses in Classical Studies (readings in English), Latin, and Ancient Greek.