INTRODUCTION

The Department of Classics is part of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. Students may major or minor in Classics or Classical Civilization.

The Department of Classics currently consists of thirteen faculty members, who specialize in Greek and Latin language and literature (philology), ancient history, or Bronze Age or classical archaeology. The departmental offices, faculty offices, classrooms, and library facilities are located in the Blegen Library building. Because of the convenience of the location and the small size of many classes, students have an excellent opportunity to enhance their learning experience by making full use of the departmental facilities and the availability of faculty.

The Department has received significant support from generous patrons. The Semple Classics Fund, a bequest of Louise Taft Semple, was established "for promoting the study of Classics in an endeavor to make vital and constructive in the civilization of our country the spiritual, intellectual, and esthetic inheritance we have received from Greek and Roman civilizations." The ample resources of the fund make it possible to continue the diverse activities of the department. Among these are the Semple Scholarships and the Semple Traveling Scholarship, which support undergraduate education in the classics at the University of Cincinnati or for a period of study abroad.

A unique treasure of the Department is the John Miller Burnam Classical Library. The collection contains approximately 250,000 books, monographs, and periodicals covering all areas of classical studies. Undergraduate students commonly use the general reading area for study and research purposes, and a limited number of study carrels are available for advanced undergraduate majors. The library offers an unparalleled research facility for faculty and students alike.

The intellectual atmosphere of the department is enlivened by the presence of a large number of graduate students. Undergraduate majors also find their experience of studying Classics enriched by a number of special events that take place throughout the year, such as lectures by visiting scholars, symposia, brown bag lunches with presentations by graduate students, and special programs for undergraduates.

Historically, the Department has held an international reputation as a leader in the field of Bronze Age archaeology. It is particularly known for its excavations at Troy and Pylos under the direction of Carl Blegen. This tradition of excellence in archaeology continues today with current field projects at Pompeii and Knossos.
ADMISSION

All students seeking admission for purposes of earning an undergraduate degree should file a formal application through the Office of Admissions. Additional information about the process may be obtained from the Office of Admissions, http://admissions.uc.edu/.

Students not enrolling for a degree but wishing to take courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences (non-matriculated students) should complete and submit the form posted at http://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/registrar/docs/basic_data_form.pdf.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CLASSICS

The study of Classics is, by its nature, an interdisciplinary one combining the main fields of language and literature, history, and art and archaeology with other subjects such as religion, mythology, political theory, law, and philosophy. The programs in Classics are designed to allow ample opportunity for each student to accommodate individual needs and interests.

A major in Classics is recommended for students considering graduate study in Classics or related fields, for those intending to teach Latin at the secondary level, and for anyone who wants to study Greek and Roman culture through the original languages. A major in Classical Civilization is sometimes appropriate for those considering graduate study in related fields such as archaeology, anthropology, or ancient history.

A major in either Classics or Classical Civilization provides an attractive liberal arts education for students who wish to continue in a variety of professional fields such as law, medicine, library science, business, or the arts. A major in ancient studies establishes a solid background for professional study and sets students apart from others with good records but less diverse and ambitious programs. Students of Classics and Classical Civilization often have an advantage over others in the competition for entrance to professional schools. The Department of Classics at the University of Cincinnati is regularly successful in sending its students to graduate and professional schools of the highest standing.

Students who are considering a graduate career in Classics or related fields should consult early on with the Undergraduate Advisor as well as other appropriate faculty about their course of study. For example, some training in French and German as well as Latin and Greek is usually required. Students considering a career in secondary school education should consult not only the Undergraduate Advisor but also Francoise Bachelder in the College of Education (Teachers 615H) about requirements for state certification.

ADMISSION TO MAJORS

The Department of Classics has the following minimum requirements for admission to our majors in the sophomore year or later:
Classics Major. Latin 1001-1002 or Latin 2011-2012 or any higher numbered Latin course, OR Greek 1001-1002 or any higher numbered Greek course; good standing in the college (2.0 gpa).

Classical Civilization Major. Good standing in the college (2.0 gpa).

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJORS AND MINORS

Classics Major. The major in Classics consists of 38 credit hours of courses in Latin and Greek, consisting of 22 credit hours of core major requirements, 12 credit hours of elective courses in Advanced Latin and Greek, and a 4 credit hour capstone. Latin courses below the 3000 level do not count toward the major. Majors are required to complete their capstone project in the course of their senior year (see below). These courses are part of the General Education requirements.

Classical Civilization Major. The major in Classical Civilization consists of 38 credit hours of courses in Latin, Greek, or Classical Civilization. The student must take at least 12 hours at the 3000 level or above, 6 hours of which must consist of courses in Latin or Greek. Greek and Latin Elements in Medical Terminology (CLAS2031) does not count toward the major. Majors are required to complete their capstone project in the course of their senior year (see below). These courses are part of the General Education requirements.

Classics Minor. The minor in Classics consists of at least 21 credit hours in Latin and/or Greek. Latin courses below the 3000 level do not count.

Classical Civilization Minor. The minor in Classical Civilization consists of at least 21 credit hours in Latin, Greek, or Classical Civilization. The student must include at least 3 hours of Latin or Greek at the 3000 level or above and at least 6 hours from the following courses: Greek and Roman Civilization (CLAS1001-1002), Greek and Roman History (CLAS1011-1012) or Art and Archaeology of Greece and Rome (CLAS2022-2023). Greek and Latin Elements in Medical Terminology (CLAS2031) does not count toward the minor.

Capstone project provides students with an opportunity to integrate their academic training and professional interests. All Classics or Classical Civilization majors must complete their capstone project in their senior year. Before they register, they must consult with the undergraduate advisor and obtain the consent of a project supervisor. In order to meet the requirement students may take an upper-level course (3 credit hours) and write a research paper for it, registering for 1 additional credit hour in 5001.

Students who major or minor in the Department of Classics are asked to keep a portfolio of examinations and papers completed in Classics courses. The Director of Undergraduate Studies will discuss the portfolio with each student during the annual review.

In order to graduate, the student must also earn at least 120 credits, complete the distribution requirements and the general education requirements of the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences, and be in good academic standing.
Courses that count for major or minor credit may also be used for distribution requirements. For instance, Greek 1001-1002 may satisfy the A&S language requirement and also be used toward the major in Classics, or Ancient History 1011-1012 may satisfy the A&S history requirement and also be used toward the major in Classical Civilization.

ANCIENT GREEK CERTIFICATE

The certificate in ancient Greek consists of 19 credits of Greek coursework. To complete the certificate, a student must pass intensive beginning Greek (15GRK1001-1002, 10 hours), and take 9 credits (3 courses) at or above the 3000 level.

SEMPLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the generosity of Louise Taft Semple, the Department of Classics is able to offer a number of Semple Scholarships to superior students who are enrolled in Latin at the 3000 level or above or in Greek. The scholarships cover in-state tuition at the University of Cincinnati.

Semple Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a competitive examination to incoming freshmen who have had two or more years of high school Latin. A letter of application and three letters of reference from teachers are due by January 25, with the exam occurring on a Saturday around February 15 each year. UC students who are ready to take 3000 level courses in Latin or Greek and have at least a 3.0 grade point average may apply for a scholarship for the following academic year. Applicants already enrolled at the University of Cincinnati do not take the diagnostic examination. Such applicants must supply a letter of application and three letters of recommendation from professors, one of whom must be the student's current language instructor, by January 25.

The scholarships may be held by freshmen or sophomores who are not majors in the department, but in the junior and senior years only departmental majors are eligible to hold Semple Scholarships. The scholarship may not be held for more than four years.

To remain in good standing, Semple Scholars must be full-time students at the University, enroll in at least one Latin course at the 3000 level or above or one Greek course each semester, earn a "B" or better in each Latin or Greek course, and maintain an overall 3.0 grade point average. A student who falls short of these requirements in any given semester will be placed on probation for the following semester. Failure to meet the requirements in the probationary semester will result in termination of the scholarship. Scholarships of students who fail to register for an appropriate Latin or Greek course or to attend such a course or who drop below fulltime status will be immediately terminated.

A Semple Traveling Scholarship may be awarded to one recipient of the regular Semple Scholarships each year. This scholarship will help cover tuition in a foreign study program.
for a period not to exceed one academic year. Interested students should make application to the Director of Undergraduate Studies by the end of fall semester of the preceding academic year. The scholarship will be awarded on a competitive basis, although the department may choose not to make the award in any given year.
LATIN CERTIFICATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There are several ways to earn Latin licensure for secondary school teaching in Ohio.

1. Secondary Education Majors with a Latin concentration in in the College of Education need to complete at least 30 hours in Latin and Classical Civilization - NOTE: the student is not a Classics or Classical Civilization Major, but may earn a Classics or Classical Civilization Minor

Latin: 24 credit hours required, of which 6 credit hours must be at the 6000 level.


**Intermediate Level:** Latin Prose 3001, Vergil's Aeneid 3002, Roman Historians 4001, Lyric Poetry 4002, Epistolography 4003, Elegiac Poetry 4004. Students then proceed to the 6000-level.

**Upper Level:** Cicero 6001, Roman Comedy 6002, Tacitus 6003, Horace’s Odes and Satires 6004, Roman Novel 6005, Lucretius 6006, Silver Latin 6007, Vergil's Eclogues and Georgics 6008.

In their first years, students need to build up knowledge about the ancient world through courses in Classical Civilization:

**Classical Civilization: 6 credit hours required**
Classical Civilization 1001 or 1002, 1011 or 1012, 2022 or 2023, and any day-time 3000-level course.

2. Classics or Classical Civilization Majors may apply in their senior year to the College of Education’s M.A. program or their post-baccalaureate program for secondary teaching to pursue Latin licensure. If the student has not satisfied all the requirements in No. 1, above, through undergraduate coursework, he/she may need to take additional Latin courses.

3. Classics or Classical Civilization Majors may apply to do a Dual Degree with the College of Education. The student will pursue a Classics or Classical Civilization Major in the College of Arts and Sciences and a Secondary Education Major with Latin Licensure concentration in the College of Education. Students will follow the curriculum in No. 1, above, and take additional courses to fulfill all the requirements of the Classics or Classical Civilization major, A&S core requirements, Secondary Education Major requirements, College of Education requirements, and University of Cincinnati General Education requirements. The student will graduate with two
degrees. This choice will result in the need for more than four years of study. The decision to pursue a Dual Degree should be made early in the student’s career so that College of Education cohort and teaching requirements can be met on time.

Students interested in the Latin Licensure should contact Francoise Bachelder (CECH-Teacher Education, Teachers 615H) to receive additional advising material and instructions.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT

High school students who receive a 4 or a 5 on the AP Latin (Vergil) examination will receive 13 credit hours (10 credits of 15LATN 1001 and 1002 and 3 credits of 15LATN 1014), and may begin taking Latin at the 3000 level. Students scoring a 3 will receive 6 credit hours (15LATN 1011 and 1012), and may begin taking Latin at the intermediate (15LATN 2011) level.

UNDERGRADUATE PRIZES

Each spring semester the Department of Classics offers the following undergraduate prizes:

**Junior Latin Prize.** A translation prize for those who have not taken more than three 3000 level courses in Latin.

**Senior Latin Prize.** A translation prize for those who have taken more than three 3000 level courses in Latin.

**Junior Greek Prize.** A translation prize for those who have not taken more than three 3000 level courses in Greek.

**Senior Greek Prize.** A translation prize for those who have taken more than three 3000 level courses in Greek.

**Classical Civilization Prize.** A prize for the best paper of 6 pages or more written in a departmental course. Instructors may nominate no more than five papers from each class.

**Capstone Prize.** A prize for the best Capstone project. This prize will be awarded for an exceptional project, not necessarily every year.

The prizes will be awarded on an annual basis, and the award will be $100 or a book on classical antiquity. The awards will be given out at a reception for undergraduate majors and faculty.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Classics Club. The purpose of this chapter is to promote community among undergraduate students in classical studies. Membership is open to all undergraduates who have an interest in classical civilization. Meetings are held at least once a semester, and various programs and activities are conducted throughout the year. Officers are elected annually in the spring.

Eta Sigma Phi. This fraternity is the national honorary for students of Classics. The Mu chapter is located at the University of Cincinnati. Undergraduate students who are enrolled in Latin or Greek courses at the 3000 level or above and have maintained a grade of not less than "B" in their Latin and Greek courses are eligible for election to the honorary. An initiation fee of $40.00 will be assessed.

4+1 BA/MA PROGRAM IN CLASSICS

The BA + MA program allows Classics majors who wish to take elective hours in their senior year to begin taking graduate classes at that time. After earning the BA degree, students may be formally admitted to the Graduate School and continue their graduate coursework. Students who complete a minimum of 8 credits in their senior year should be able to complete their Master's degree in one additional year (a total of 30 semester credit hours of graduate courses, including seminars and other upper level courses in Classical Philology, History and Archaeology, and the passing of a comprehensive examination).

Graduate courses taken during senior year do not count toward the BA degree. Students must complete all A&S requirements (120 total credits, 38 credits in the major) in order to receive the BA degree. Graduate credits taken during the senior year will count toward the MA degree. Students interested in the program should consult the Undergraduate Advisor.