Classical Studies (CLST)

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The Classical Studies Program offers a major leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. The program also offers a minor in classical studies.

Classical studies are the oldest discipline in the humanities and will teach you a lot about why our world is the way it is. Based on the Greek and Latin literature, the Classics remain essential to many fields in the liberal arts, including the study of ancient art, architecture, history, mythology, and philosophy. Based on Greek and Latin literature, the program draws faculty from five different departments. In addition to Greek and Latin, courses are offered on various aspects of classical civilization. Study abroad options in Greece and Italy are available.

Requirements for B.A. in Classical Studies with Ancient Languages Concentration

The following credit hour requirements must be met (see Degree Completion Program Policy for additional information). In addition, the Fulbright College Writing Requirement is satisfied by successful completion of CLST 4003H.

State minimum core (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/gened/stateminimum/) requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous course credit earned. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

State Minimum Core  
Six credit hours in classical studies (CLST) courses numbered at the 1000- or 2000-level  
World language in Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) up to the Intermediate I level (2003-level)  
CLST 4003H Honors Classical Studies Colloquium  
Concentration Requirements  
Any Fulbright College credit hours numbered 3000-level or higher  
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher  
Any credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher, or any 2000-level credit hours that have a course prerequisite  
General Electives  
Total Hours

Requirements for Ancient Languages Concentration:

Nine credit hours in Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) world language courses numbered at the Intermediate II level (2013-level) or higher  
12 credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher in Latin (LATN), Greek (GREK), classical studies (CLST), or related courses from other areas. No more than six credit hours can be outside GREK/LATN/CLST courses.  
Total Hours

Requirements for a Minor in Classical Studies:

Six credit hours in classical studies courses (CLST, GREK, or LATN) numbered at the 1000- or 2000-level.  
12 credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher in classical studies courses (CLST, GREK, or LATN) or related courses from other areas. No more than six credit hours can be outside CLST, GREK, or LATN courses.  
Total Hours

Requirements for B.A. in Classical Studies with Cultures, Reception and Digital Humanities Concentration

The following credit hour requirements must be met (see Degree Completion Program Policy for additional information). In addition, the Fulbright College Writing Requirement is satisfied by successful completion of CLST 4003H.

State minimum core (http://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog/gened/stateminimum/) requirements may vary by individual, based on placement and previous course credit earned. Once all core requirements are met, students may substitute with general electives in consultation with their academic advisor.

State Minimum Core  
Six credit hours in classical studies (CLST) courses numbered at the 1000- or 2000-level  
World language in Greek (GREK) or Latin (LATN) up to the Intermediate I level (2003-level)  
CLST 4003H Honors Classical Studies Colloquium  
Concentration Requirements  
Any Fulbright College credit hours numbered 3000-level or higher  
Any UA-Fayetteville credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher  
Any credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher, or any 2000-level credit hours that have a course prerequisite  
General Electives  
Total Hours

Requirements for Cultures, Reception and Digital Humanities Concentration:

21 credit hours in classical studies (CLST) courses or related courses in other areas. At least 18 credit hours must be numbered at the 3000-level or higher. No more than six credit hours can be outside GREK/LATN/CLST courses.  
Total Hours

Requirements for a Minor in Classical Studies:

Six credit hours in classical studies courses (CLST, GREK, or LATN) numbered at the 1000- or 2000-level.  
12 credit hours numbered at the 3000-level or higher in classical studies courses (CLST, GREK, or LATN) or related courses from other areas. No more than six credit hours can be outside CLST, GREK, or LATN courses.  
Total Hours

1 Courses in other areas include: ARCH 2233, HIST 3003, HIST 3013, HIST 4003, HIST 4013, HIST 4023, HIST 4033, HIST 4043, HIST 4103, HIST 4113, and PHIL 4003.
Courses

CLST 1003. Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece. 3 Hours.
An introduction to the world of Ancient Greece, from the Trojan War to Alexander the Great. Progresses chronologically, focusing on the literary, artistic, political, and philosophical ideas of the Greeks. Who were they and how are we like them? (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

CLST 1003H. Honors Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece. 3 Hours.
Honors. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)
This course is equivalent to CLST 1003.

CLST 1013. Introduction to Classical Studies: Rome. 3 Hours.
A multi-faceted introduction to Roman culture, focusing on the literature, philosophy, architecture, history, art and archeology. Source material to be read in English. Lectures liberally illustrated with slides. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

Requirements for Honors in Classical Studies: The Honors Program in Classical Studies gives students of high ability the opportunity to strengthen their study of classics by intensifying their experience with ancient languages and cultures.

In addition to the requirements for graduation with a major in classical studies and the general college requirements for a B.A. degree, honors candidates in classical studies must

1. Be accepted as honors candidates by the Classical Studies Committee,
2. Complete at least three semesters in a second classical language,
3. Enroll in at least two 1-hour units of CLST 399VH and pursue independent-study topics under the guidance of classical studies faculty,
4. Enroll for two hours of CLST 399VH and write an honors thesis, and
5. Defend and discuss their entire honors program in an oral examination.

Successful completion of the requirements will be recognized by the award of the distinction ‘Classical Studies Scholar Cum Laude’ at graduation. Higher degree distinctions are recommended only in truly exceptional cases and are based upon the whole of the candidate’s program of honors studies.

Faculty

Coon, Lynda L., Ph.D., M.A. (University of Virginia), B.A. (James Madison University), Professor, Department of History, 1990, 2013.

Fredrick, David Charles, Ph.D. (University of Southern California), M.A., B.A. (University of Kansas), Associate Professor, Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 1991, 1997.

Levine, Daniel, Ph.D. (University of Cincinnati), B.A. (University of Minnesota), University Professor, Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 1980, 2016.

Muntz, Charles E., Ph.D. (Duke University), B.A. (Swarthmore College), Associate Professor, Department of History, 2008, 2018.

Reeber, Joy Elisabeth, Ph.D., M.A. (University of Wisconsin-Madison), B.A. (University of North Carolina), Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 2012, 2022.

Vennarucci, Rhodora, Ph.D., M.A. (State University of New York at Buffalo), B.A. (University of Michigan), Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 2013, 2017.

Courses

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CLST 1003H. Honors Introduction to Classical Studies: Greece. 3 Hours.
Honors. Prerequisite: Honors candidacy. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)
This course is equivalent to CLST 1003.

CLST 2013. Sport in Ancient Greece and Rome. 3 Hours.
Explores the meaning of ancient sport in its Greek and Roman contexts as well as the reception and transformation of these cultural meanings in sports today. Includes a look at sports outside Western traditions, focusing especially on indigenous forms of sport in the Americas. Prerequisite: English 1023 or equivalent. (Typically offered: Fall)

CLST 2323. Greek and Roman Mythology. 3 Hours.
A study of the stories, figures, and motifs in the mythology of Greece and Rome. Prerequisite: English 1013 and English 1023. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CLST 3003. Special Topics in Classical Studies. 3 Hours.
Close examination of subject matter not presented in regularly offered CLST courses. May be repeated for different topics. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.

CLST 3003H. Honors Special Topics in Classical Studies. 3 Hours.
Close examination of subject matter not presented in regularly offered CLST courses. May be repeated for different topics. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit. This course is equivalent to CLST 3003.

CLST 3013. Sexuality & Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome. 3 Hours.
Introduces the constructions and representations of love, sex, gender, and sexuality in ancient Greece and Rome by looking at their poetry, prose, and material culture. Explores the diversity of ancient thought on these issues and compares ideas of love and desire to contemporary cultural views. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CLST 3013H. Honors Sexuality & Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome. 3 Hours.
Introduces the constructions and representations of love, sex, gender, and sexuality in ancient Greece and Rome by looking at their poetry, prose, and material culture. Explores the diversity of ancient thought on these issues and compares ideas of love and desire to contemporary cultural views. Prerequisite: Honors standing. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is equivalent to CLST 3013.

CLST 3023. Ancient Greek and Roman Theatre. 3 Hours.
Explains what went on in performance spaces, how such performances reflected the ideas and social constructs of the times, and what such observations can teach us about human interactions, history, and attitudes. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CLST 3033. Non-Binary Rome. 3 Hours.
Suspends the assumption of a binary Rome and explores the consequences for how we interpret Roman lives, using a wide range of evidence and theory to pursue the possibility of a non-binary Rome. Prerequisite: English 1013 and English 1023, or equivalent. (Typically offered: Irregular)

CLST 399VH. Honors Course Classical Studies. 1-6 Hour.
CLST honors thesis projects or CLST honors study abroad programs. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CLST 4003H. Honors Classical Studies Colloquium. 3 Hours.
Covers a special topic or issue in classical studies. Appropriate for honors program students and students pursuing classical studies. May be repeated when the content is changed. Prerequisite: Junior standing. (Typically offered: Spring) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.
CLST 4413. Greek Art and Archaeology. 3 Hours.
Greek Art and Archaeology focuses on how visual and material culture shaped and were shaped by Greek society (religion, politics, military, economy, gender, etc.) from the Bronze Age through the Hellenistic period. Masterpieces of Greek art are analyzed alongside the material remains of everyday Greeks in civic and domestic spaces. (Typically offered: Spring; Summer Odd Years)
This course is cross-listed with ARHS 4413.

CLST 4413H. Honors Greek Art and Archaeology. 3 Hours.
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This course is cross-listed with CLST 4413, ARHS 4413.

CLST 4423. Roman Art and Archaeology. 3 Hours.
Roman Art and Archaeology focuses on how visual and material culture shaped and were shaped by Roman society (religion, politics, economy, gender, ethnicity, etc.) from the Iron Age through the Late Antique period. We encounter famous masterpieces, but also the material remains of everyday Romans in civic and domestic spaces. (Typically offered: Spring and Summer Even Years)
This course is cross-listed with ARHS 4423.