



Description and Learning Outcomes for the Classics Certificate
Ancients Alive: The Classics in Context
History, English and Philosophy Programs

The Classics Certificate introduces students to enduring impact of Mediterranean civilizations, particularly Greece and Rome, and their impact on history, society, and the present day. With over a hundred colleges and universities supporting a program in the Classics, this field is fueled by our modern fascination with the achievements of the past and perennial search to find meaning in other's lives to bolster the present. In their myths, path-breaking political experiments, histories, inquisitive natures and art and architecture, the ancients experimented with transformational ways of understanding their world. Yet the study of the classics also provides a powerful force for discerning complexities in our own world; slavery, tyranny, and gender inequity are concerns as relevant today as then. In the capstone, students apply their studies to projects that accentuate and build their knowledge and then complete a final project. From the Parthenon to Pompeii, the study of ancient culture is sure to amaze, entertain, and provide a template for negotiating contemporary issues.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Examine the historical and cultural development of Greek and Roman civilizations in the broader context of the ancient Mediterranean world and ancient civilizations
2. Demonstrate cultural literacy and familiarity with texts, ideas, mythologies, and material culture from Greek and Roman antiquity
3. Examine the pressing societal questions of the ancients, shown in philosophy or literary archetypes, and motifs, and how they manifest in contemporary narratives
4. Gain a wider perspective of the diversity of the human experience through social history, stories, lived experience, and digital curation.
5. Demonstrate the importance of the ancient world and the Classics to other historical periods and today.

Learning Outcomes Assessed in Each Course:

Course	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5
HIST 110	x	x		x	
ENGL 212			x	x	x
PHIL 300	X	x			x
HIST 300		x		x	x