

Department of Classics

Classics concerns itself with the languages and cultures of the ancient Greeks and Romans, whose civilizations had a central role in shaping the basic conceptual categories of our present cultural, intellectual, professional, and civic lives. It is, by its nature, a comparative study combining history, literature, philosophy, science, and the art and archaeology of two contrasting but related cultures.



2004 Rhodes Scholar and classics major Allyssa Lamb (right) talks with Professor Sarah Stroup.

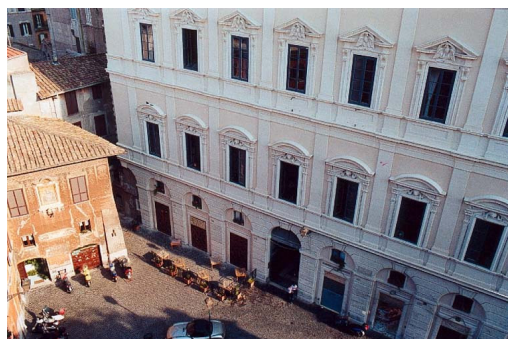
Education

The department offers four undergraduate majors: Classics, Greek, Latin, and Classical Studies. The majors in Classics, Greek, and Latin emphasize the development of expertise in the Classical languages and literatures. In addition to preparing students to pursue graduate work in the subject, the intellectual rigor of Classics makes it a valuable foundation for many other careers and is a mark of distinction when applying for admission to professional schools.

The Bachelor of Arts in Classical Studies is for students wishing to explore the literature, history, art, archaeology, and philosophy of Classical antiquity primarily through English translations.

The department's graduate programs, leading to the MA in Greek, Latin, or Classics and the PhD in Classics, ensure comprehensive and thorough training in the basic disciplines needed for teaching and research in the field of Classics. Seminars introduce more specialized topics through deeper study and research. Students may also do supporting work in other departments in such areas as ancient philosophy, ancient and medieval history, art history, literary theory, and linguistics. There are formal interdisciplinary programs in ancient philosophy and literary theory.

During spring quarter, the Department of Classics offers the Classical Seminar in Rome for advanced undergraduate majors and for graduate students in Classics. The program of study includes a course in Roman topography, a seminar in Latin, and work in Greek and Latin to fit the needs of individual majors and graduate students. The department also offers a two-week intensive program in Rome during spring break, in conjunction with the UW Office of Minority Affairs and participates in a consortium of departments that oversee the excavation at Tel Dor, Israel.



Palazzo Pio, site of the department's Classical Seminar in Rome and a two-week intensive program offered jointly with the Office of Minority Affairs.

STUDENTS (Autumn 2011)

57	<i>Undergraduate majors</i>
32	<i>Undergraduate minors</i>
23	<i>Graduate students</i>
3,557	<i>Total student enrollment (Autumn 2010-Summer 2011)</i>

DEGREES AWARDED (July 2010-June 2011)

16	<i>Bachelor of Arts degrees</i>
4	<i>Master of Arts degrees</i>
5	<i>PhD degrees</i>

MAJOR STUDENT AWARDS (Since 2005)

1	<i>Alvord Fellowship in the Humanities</i>
2	<i>Fritz Fellowships in the Humanities</i>
1	<i>Lederman Fellowship in the Humanities</i>
1	<i>Mellon Fellowship for Graduate Study</i>
2	<i>Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellows</i>
2	<i>Hanauer Graduate Fellowships</i>
1	<i>Presidential Graduate Fellowship</i>
1	<i>Bank of America Endowed Minority Fellowship</i>
3	<i>Mary Gates Research Scholarships</i>

Faculty

Awards and honors received by Department of Classics faculty include:

3	UW Distinguished Teaching Awards
5	UW Simpson Center Humanities Scholars
1	American Philosophical Society Fellowship
1	Lockwood Professorship in the Humanities
4	UW Royalty Research Fund Awards
1	Getty Foundation Grant
1	Loeb Classical Library Foundation Award
4	Center for Hellenic Studies Fellowships
1	NEH Summer Stipend
1	NEH Fellowship for University Teachers

Scholarship

The ancient cultures of Greece and Rome hold an extraordinary place in the American past and present. The field of classics is dedicated to the recovery and interpretation of these cultures. It is an intrinsically comparative field, concerning two related but distinct peoples and their literature, history, philosophy, science, architecture, art, and other material remains.

Classics faculty and students are engaged in a wide array of scholarly enterprises, including archaeological, topographical, historical, historiographical, philosophical, folkloric, literary, theoretical, and cultural studies.



The Department's field school at Tel Dor, Israel, has led to some dramatic discoveries, including a gemstone dating back to 230 BCE that made worldwide headlines.

Outreach

The department's activities that serve the local community include:

- an annual classics conference for K-12 teachers, featuring faculty and teacher presentations and discussions;
- K-12 activities including lectures at high schools and the Junior Classical League's Annual Conference;
- participation in World Languages Day, a UW event for high school students interested in language study;
- public lectures offered at various venues for local associations and programs, such as the Frye Art Museum, the Teachers as Scholars Seminar, and the Seattle Art Museum Docent Program;
- a distance learning mythology class through UW Educational Outreach; and
- sponsorship of the local chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, which brings speakers to campus.

FACULTY (Autumn 2011)

4	Professors
4	Associate Professors
2	Assistant Professor
4	Emeritus Professors

AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP

<i>Classical Archaeology</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Historiography</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Linguistics</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Medicine</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Philosophy</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Religion</i>
<i>Greek and Roman Social and Cultural History</i>
<i>Greek Epic, Lyric Poetry, and Drama</i>
<i>Hellenistic Poetry</i>
<i>Literary Theory and Criticism</i>
<i>Roman Literature of All Periods</i>
<i>Roman Topography</i>
<i>The Ancient Novel</i>
<i>The Reception of Classical Texts in the Medieval and Renaissance Periods</i>

ENDOWMENTS

<i>Jim Greenfield Endowed Classics Scholarship</i>
<i>John and Mary McDiarmid Lectureship</i>
<i>Thomas and Joyce Morgan Endowment for Classics</i>
<i>DeLacy Classics Endowment</i>
<i>Harvey Bruce Densmore Memorial Fund</i>
<i>Classics Department Endowment Fund</i>
<i>Nesholm Graduate Fellowship</i>
<i>Classics Student Travel Fund</i>

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