# Department of Classics

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Classics is the study of all aspects of the life and culture of ancient Greece and Rome in their Mediterranean context and their enduring relevance to our lives. The Department of Classics offers all levels of ancient Greek and Latin as well as courses that explore the origins of Western literature, history, art, mythology, philosophy, religion, ethics, government, science, architecture, engineering, city planning, and so forth. Most courses in the department require no knowledge of an ancient language and are open to any interested student. Latin or Greek may be taken to satisfy the second language requirement. Because of the multidisciplinary nature of the field, classics provides an ideal liberal arts curriculum that is an excellent background for careers in many areas.

Students majoring or minoring in classics may pursue one of three different tracks: classical languages and literatures, classical studies, or ancient studies. Students who want to major and minor in classics must do so in different tracks.

## Requirements for the Major in Classics

In addition to fulfilling undergraduate Core Curriculum requirements for the bachelor of arts degree, students majoring in classics must complete the departmental requirements for the track desired:

**Bachelor of Arts in Classics**

**Classical Languages and Literatures Track**

* Nine upper-division courses in Greek or Latin
* First-year proficiency in both classical languages
* CLAS 197A and CLAS 197B

**Classical Studies Track**

* Six classes in either Latin or Greek, which may include the elementary sequence (but not both sequences)
* Six classics courses, at least four of which must be upper-division
* CLAS 197A and CLAS 197B

**Ancient Studies Track**

* CLAS 60 or CLAS 61
* Eleven non-language classics courses, at least seven of which must be upper-division
* CLAS 197A and CLAS 197B

## Requirements for the Minor in Classics

**Classical Languages and Literatures Track**

* Completion of five upper-division courses in either Latin or Greek (Latin 3 or Greek 3 can be counted as an upper-division course for these purposes)

**Classical Studies Track**

* Latin 3 or Greek 3, or one upper-division Greek or Latin course
* Four classics courses, at least two of which must be upper-division

**Ancient Studies Track**

* CLAS 60 or CLAS 61
* Four non-language classics courses, at least two of which must be upper-division

**Approved Courses toward Major and Minor in Classics**

Approved classics courses include all classes (including cross-listed courses) with a CLAS prefix, as well as courses in other departments such as ARTH 104, 106, 110; ARTH 152 may also count for the Ancient Studies Track; PHIL 14, 141; POLI 111. Other courses in the ancient world may count as well—consult with the department chair of classics before enrolling. With the approval of the chair, a classical language class may be substituted for a non-language course.

## Lower-Division Courses: Latin Language

### 1. Elementary Latin I

Introduction to vocabulary, forms, and grammar of classical Latin. Development of reading skills with supporting exercises in writing. (4 units)

### 2. Elementary Latin II

Continuation of Latin I. (4 units)

### 3. Elementary Latin III

Completion of elementary Latin. (4 units)

## Upper-Division Courses: Latin Language

### 101. Intermediate Latin

A course for students who have finished basic Latin grammar. Students will review Latin forms and syntax while reading prose and poetry of increasing complexity. Students will be prepared to enroll in Latin reading courses covering individual authors and genres. Offered in fall quarter only. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 121. Caesar

Reading course in Latin. Representative selections from the *Commentarii on the Gallic War* and/or *Bellum Civile*. Consideration of the adaptation of history to political ends. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 122. Catullus

Reading course in Latin. Lyric poems, short epigrams, and longer mythological poems by the poet Catullus, of the late Roman Republic. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 123. Roman Comedy

Reading course in Latin. One or more plays by Plautus or Terence. Social function and nature of Roman comedy. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 124. Ovid: Metamorphoses

Reading course in Latin. Selections from Ovid’s epic compendium of mythology. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 125. Cicero: Philosophical Works

Reading course in Latin. Consideration of Cicero’s eclectic philosophy through a careful reading of one or more of his philosophical dialogues. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 126. Cicero: Oratory and Rhetoric

Reading course in Latin. One or more exemplars of Cicero’s rhetorical style or rhetorical theory. Consideration of rhetorical forms, figures, and topoi. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 127. Vergil: Aeneid

Reading course in Latin. The epic poem on the effort of founding Rome and the cost of its greatness. Consideration of the traditional and innovative features of Vergil’s epic style and purpose. Attention to epic meter. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 128. Seneca: Tragedies

Reading course in Latin. Careful reading and discussion of a play by Seneca, with particular consideration of Seneca’s cultural context and importance in literary history, including his influence on later dramatists such as Shakespeare. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 129. Roman Novel

Reading course in Latin. Students will study a Roman Novel, with selections read in Latin and supplementary materials in English. Possible texts include Petronius’s *Satyricon*, a trenchant satire of Roman society composed under Nero; and Apuleius’s *Golden Ass*, the grim yet ribald tale of a man who accidentally turns himself into a donkey. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 130. Roman Elegy

Reading course in Latin. Representative selections from the works of Tibullus, Propertius, and Ovid. Origins and development of the elegiac genre. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 131. Vergil: Eclogues and Georgics

Reading course in Latin. Vergil’s earlier works: pastoral poems set in an idealized landscape and the didactic poem on the agriculture and countryside of his native Italy. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 132. Horace

Reading course in Latin. Selections from the odes and epodes. Attention to cultural context and the adaptation of Greek lyric forms and rhythms to the Latin language. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 133. Livy

Reading course in Latin. Selections from the *Ab Urbe Condita*—the history of Rome from its semi-mythical founding through monarchy, early Republic, and Punic Wars. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 134. Roman Letters

Reading course in Latin. Selections from letters by various authors: Cicero, Seneca, Pliny. Discussion of the epistle as a literary genre, with focus on the social and historical background of the author. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 135. Late Antique and Medieval Latin

Reading course in Latin. Major works of prose and poetry from the fourth century to the Renaissance. St. Augustine’s *Confessions*; Boethius’s *Consolation of Philosophy*;the histories of Gregory of Tours, Bede, and Einhard; Latin fables; popular songs such as the *Carmina Burana*; and the humanistic writings of Dante, Boccaccio, and Petrarch. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 136. Roman Historians

Reading course in Latin. Selections from Roman historians such as Tactitus or Sallust. Focus on the construction of history as both a literary genre and academic discipline, as well as how Romans constructed their own history. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 137. Latin Biography

Reading course in Latin. Selections from Suetonius and/or Cornelius Nepos. Focus on the genre of biography and the cultural contexts of the authors and subjects. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 138. Martial

Reading course in Latin. Selections from Martial’s epigrams. Focus on the genre of epigram, Martial’s poetic style, and the relationship between Martial’s poetry and his cultural context. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 139. Special Topics in Latin Poetry

Reading course in Latin. Occasional courses in selected authors or genres for advanced students. Possible topics: Lucretius, Lucan, or satire. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

### 140. Special Topics in Latin Prose

Reading course in Latin. Occasional courses in selected authors or genres for advanced students. Possible topics: Quintillian, Varro, Aulus Gellius. Prerequisites: CLAS 3 or equivalent expertise in Latin. (5 units)

## Lower-Division Courses: Greek Language

### 21. Elementary Greek I

Introduction to vocabulary, forms, and grammar of Attic Greek. Development of reading skills with supporting exercises in writing. (4 units)

### 22. Elementary Greek II

Continuation of Greek I. (4 units)

### 23. Elementary Greek III

Completion of Greek grammar. Introduction to reading Greek literature. (4 units)

## Upper-Division Courses: Greek Language

### 151. Lucian

Reading course in Greek. Selections from the author’s satirical treatments of mythology, history, philosophy, and rhetoric and/or from the fantasy called *A True Story*. Lucian’s place in the Second Sophistic. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 152. Homer: Odyssey

Reading course in Greek. Selected passages demonstrating the exploration of the heroic ethos in an epic of peacetime. Consideration of epic meter and conventions. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 153. Euripides

Reading course in Greek. A complete tragic drama. Attention to characterization, dramatic structure, poetry, and Euripides’ place in the history of tragedy. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 154. Herodotus

Reading course in Greek. Selections from the *Persian Wars*. Focus on Herodotus’ prose style, narrative form, world view, and achievements as the “Father of History.” Peculiarities of the Ionic dialect. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 155. Plato

Reading course in Greek. Careful reading from one or more dialogues such as *Apology, Crito, Phaedo,* and *Republic*. Detailed study of dialogue mode of discourse; overview of Plato’s philosophy. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 156. Greek New Testament

Reading course in Greek. Readings selected from the Koine Greek text of the New Testament with a concentration on the gospels or the epistles. Close reading of the text with a view to theological implications of the vocabulary. Introduction to primary research tools. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 157. Hesiod

Reading course in Greek. Selected readings from Hesiod’s two poems, *Works and Days* and *Theogony*. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 158. Xenophon

Reading course in Greek. Selected readings from Xenophon’s *Memorabilia*, *Anabasis*,  *Cyropaedia* or one of his other works. Focus on Xenophon’s style and cultural and historical context. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 159. Greek Novel

Reading course in Greek. Selected chapters from one or more of the ancient Greek novels, paying particular attention to language and style. In addition to our reading, we will also explore the genre of the novel and the literary, historical, and social contexts surrounding the development of this literary phenomenon. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 160. Plutarch

Reading course in Greek. Selected readings from Plutarch’s biographies or *Moralia*. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 161. Homer: Iliad

Reading course in Greek. Selected passages illustrating the course and consequences of the wrath of Achilles and the nature of the hero. Consideration of epic meter and conventions. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 162. Sophocles

Reading course in Greek. A complete tragic drama. Attention to characterization, dramatic structure, and poetry, and to the author’s particular contributions to the development of the tragic form. Metrical reading of the text. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 163. Aeschylus

Reading course in Greek. A complete tragic drama. Attention to characterization, dramatic structure, and poetry, and to the author’s particular contributions to the development of the tragic form. Metrical reading of the text. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 164. Greek Oratory

Reading course in Greek. Selections from a representative Greek orator such as Demosthenes or Lysias. Consideration of classical rhetorical forms, topoi, and cultural and historical context. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 165. Aristophanes

Reading course in Greek. A complete comic drama. Attention to dramatic structure, characterization, poetry, political and social commentary, comedic style, and to Aristophanes’ place in the history of comedy. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 169. Special Topics in Greek Poetry

Occasional courses in selected authors or genres for advanced students. Possible topics: Lyric, Homeric Hymns, or Pindar. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

### 170. Special Topics in Greek Prose

Occasional courses in selected authors or genres for advanced students. Possible topics: Thucydides, Aristotle, or Marcus Aurelius. Prerequisites: CLAS 23 or equivalent expertise in Greek. (5 units)

## Lower-Division Courses: Classical Culture

### 11A. and 12A. Cultures & Ideas I and II

A two-course sequence focusing on a major theme in human experience and culture over a significant period of time. Courses emphasize either broad global interconnections, or the construction of Western culture in its global context. Courses will address significant texts, ideas, issues, and events in their historical context from a humanistic perspective. Classics topics include Friendship: Ancient and Modern, , Gods and Mortals, Heroes and Heroism, Sports and Spectacle, and Ancient Spaces. Successful completion of C&I I (CLAS 11A) is a prerequisite for C&I II (CLAS 12A). (4 units each quarter)

### 19. Greek Civilization

An introductory overview that synthesizes central aspects of ancient Greek civilization to provide a general understanding of ancient Greek culture and its contributions to later societies. Topics include mythology, religion, history, theater, politics, art, philosophy, and gender. This course can be taken either as a lower-division course or as an upper-division course (CLAS 119). (4 units)

### 20. The Legacy of Rome

What have the Romans ever done for us? This course provides an overview of ancient Roman culture and the fundamental role the Romans played in shaping western civilization. We will pay particular attention to the legacy of Roman civilization that continues to influence contemporary culture, whether for good or ill. Topics include the republicanism, concepts of time, literature, architecture, religion, and the purpose of education itself. And the aqueducts. And the wine. (The course has no prerequisites.) This course can be taken either as a lower-division course or as an upper-division course (CLAS 120). (4 units)

### 41. Word Workshop: Scientific Etymology

This class will help you build your vocabulary and acquire the tools to figure out words that you do not already know by teaching you the basics of English word formation and some common Greek and Latin morphemes. (2 units)

### 42. Greek and Roman Heroes in Hollywood

Movies have fascinated their audiences with Greek myths for decades but are notorious for playing fast and loose with the ancient stories. This course examines some cinematic versions of classical figures such as Perseus or Heracles and the classical sources they adapt for modern audiences. (topic varies). (2 units)

### 51. History of Philosophy: Classical and Medieval

Beginnings of Western philosophy. Representative philosophers of the Greek and Medieval traditions, with attention to their historical milieu and their relevance to contemporary thought. Also listed as PHIL 14. (4 units)

### 52. Introduction to the Arts of Ancient and Medieval Europe

Visual analysis of the ancient and medieval world. Topics may include the relationship between Greek art and politics, Imperial Roman art, propaganda, Pompeian wall painting, early Christian art, the origins of Islam, and the function and culture of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages. Also listed as ARTH 21. (4 units)

### 60. Introduction to Ancient Studies

An exploration of the nature of political and religious authority: that is, the relationship between the individual, the state, and the divine—in three different ancient civilizations. The primary “texts” for this investigation are the representative monuments of each culture: the pyramids of Egypt (particularly the Old Kingdom), the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem in the united monarchy, and the Parthenon. (4 units)

### 61. Ancient Empires

The course examines the construction and manipulation of identities in three ancient empires—Achaemenid Persian, Seleucid, and Roman—as well as cultures on their peripheries. Both literary and material sources are used to study how the inhabitants and rulers of these large, cosmopolitan empires defined themselves. (4 units)

### 63. Ancient Eros: Sex and Religion in Ancient Greece

This course explores the various manifestations and significance of sex (“Bittersweet Eros”), both the deity and the divinely-inspired passion, in ancient Greece. While this course focuses on examining the socio-religious significance of Aphrodite and her son, Eros (the Roman Cupid), it is also designed to provoke an open conversation about responses to sex found in relevant contemporary religious expression. Assignments are derived from Greek and Roman literature, philosophy, historiography, and art, as well as from contemporary magazines, scholarly journals and books, religious documents, and movies. Participation in class discussion is mandatory for this seminar-style course. (4 units)

### 65. Classical Mythology

Principal gods and heroes of Greek and Roman antiquity: their stories, significance, and pictorial representations. Implications of myth in society and possible origins of myth. Important background for European and English literature. (4 units)

### 66. Ancient Mediterranean Religious Traditions

An introduction to the beliefs and practices of religious traditions in the ancient Mediterranean world. Students will examine polytheistic, henotheistic, and monotheistic religions and their interactions with each other, particularly in cosmopolitan societies. Attention will be paid to ancient Egypt, Israel, Greece, Carthage, Rome, and the Celtic world.

### 67. Ancient Greek Religion

Consideration of the differing attitudes and expectations of polytheisms and monotheisms, and of religious expression in the context of classical Greek cult and ritual. Readings are drawn from a wide variety of literary, historical, philosophical, and epigraphical texts. Also listed as HIST 16. (4 units)

### 68. Ancient Roman Religion

Examination of religious practices, institutions, and beliefs of the ancient Romans. Special consideration of interconnections in Roman religiosity between the acts/beliefs of individuals and the concerns of the state. Concludes with philosophic mysticism, magic, mystery religions, and Christianity. Also listed as HIST 17. (4 units)

### 75. Classics in Cinema

A survey of the classical world through selected dramatic films illustrating sequentially the cultural and political history of ancient Greece and Rome. Close viewings of popular films, with comparative reference to sources and practice in the techniques of film criticism. (4 units)

### 83. Hercules!

While many people today may first encounter Hercules through the popular Disney movie, TV shows, or comic books, the original character of Hercules in the ancient world is much more complex than many of these current depictions convey. Not only powerful and brave, but also an adulterer and murderer, Hercules (or Heracles, as he is known to the ancient Greeks) struggles both literally and metaphorically on his path to immortality. Our class will examine various ancient and modern depictions of Hercules in order to understand the full picture of a truly complicated figure. This course can be taken either as a lower-division course or as an upper-division course (CLAS 183). (5 Units)

### 86. Cultural Heritage and Collecting Antiquities

This course will study the history of museums, art collecting, and art theft in the ancient world. It will explore the concept of cultural heritage to discuss what is shown in collections, and to critique what museums are choosing to show to the viewing public, and what this means for civic life. This class is an exploration of art collecting in the ancient world, the heritage of ancient art, and its presentation and preservation for the edification of the viewing public in our modern world. This course can be taken either as an upper-division course (CLAS 186) or lower-division course (4 units).

## Upper-Division Courses: Classical Culture

### 108. Ancient Greece

A survey of Hellenic history from the Bronze Age to Alexander the Great. Emphasis on the rise and fall of the polis as an independent social, cultural, and political community. Also listed as HIST 108. (5 units)

### 109. The Hellenistic Age

A cultural, social, and political review of Alexander the Great’s conquests and their Hellenistic ramifications through the reign of Egypt’s Cleopatra VII. Also listed as HIST 109. (5 units)

### 110. Roman Republic

A political, military, social, and cultural review of the rise and fall of the most successful state the West has ever known. Also listed as HIST 110. (5 units)

### 111. Roman Empire

A political, social, and cultural survey of the Roman Empire beginning with Augustus and tracing changes in Rome from the development of the Roman Empire as a world state to the development of Christianity as a world religion. Also listed as HIST 111. (5 units)

### 113. Democracy Under Siege: Ancient Athens and Modern America

This course will trace the fate of the Athenian democracy from the archaic period through the Hellenistic Age (circa 594to 307 BCE). It will cover the foreign and domestic policies of Athens through this period, and cover both the problems and the opposition to democracy by non-democratic polities, as well as by those opponents of democracy who lived in Athens itself. Although the United States is a republic and not a democracy in the Athenian mode (which in fact, was the intent of our republic’s founders), the U.S. in the 21st century is facing comparable opposition both domestically and in the realm of foreign affairs to those which confronted the ancient Athenians. Parallels between the world of the 4th century BCE and the 21st century will not only be noted, they will be emphasized through readings and class discussions. Also listed as HIST 132. (5 units)

### 115. Numismatics

This course will study how the minting of coins changed the Western world politically, sociologically, and economically. It will use the minting of ancient coins to investigate ancient economies and the political structures from which they emerged. Technical aspects of the minting of coins will be addressed, as will the artistic achievements of ancient engravers. (5 units)

### 116. Greek Art

The course examines Greek art, architecture, and material culture from the Bronze Age through the Roman period. Special attention is paid to the development of art and architecture within political, historical, and cultural contexts. Also listed as ARTH 104. (5 units)

### CLAS 117: Art and Architecture of the Roman Republic and the Early Empire

Chronological survey of artistic development in Republican and Imperial Rome. Related issues include the influence of Greek and Etruscan art, the relationship between political ideology and public art programs, and the impact of improved materials on building design. Cross-listed with AAH 106. This course satisfies the advanced writing requirement. (5 units)

### 118. The Rise of Macedonia Through the Youth of Alexander the Great

Europe’s first royal dynasty—that of the Macedonian Argead House—produced two kings in the fourth century BCE, Philip II and Alexander III (the “Great”), who changed the course of Western history forever. Thoroughly steeped in the culture of the polis, Macedonia and its kings nevertheless represented the antithesis of the city states’ political achievements. This course will focus on the development of the Macedonian kingdom from its earliest days through the reign of its greatest king, Philip (circa 650–336 BCE). It will preface the meteoric career of Macedon’s most famous monarch, Alexander, and the Hellenistic age that followed. Also listed as HIST 106. (5 units)

### 119. Greek Civilization

An introductory overview that synthesizes central aspects of ancient Greek civilization to provide a general understanding of ancient Greek culture and its contributions to later societies. Topics include mythology, religion, history, theater, politics, art, philosophy, and gender. This course can be taken either as an upper-division course or lower-division course (CLAS 19). (5 units)

### 120. The Legacy of Rome

What have the Romans ever done for us? This course provides an overview of ancient Roman culture and the fundamental role the Romans played in shaping western civilization. We will pay particular attention to the legacy of Roman civilization that continues to influence contemporary culture, whether for good or ill. Topics include republicanism, concepts of time, literature, architecture, religion, and the purpose of education itself. And the aqueducts. And the wine. (The course has no prerequisites.) This course can be taken either as an upper-division course or lower-division course (CLAS 20). (5 units)

### 141. Love and Relationships in Classical Antiquity

An examination of the many forms of loving and erotic relationships as they pertained to the Greek and Roman quest for the best human life. Readings in Euripides, Sappho, Ovid, Plato, Aristotle, and many others from genres of poetry, essays, letters, tragedy, and philosophy. Also listed as PHIL 141D and WGST 133. (5 units)

### 146. Age of Socrates

A study of Socrates as both a historical and literary figure, with special attention to his political and cultural context, and to our three chief sources on him and his philosophical activities: Aristophanes, Plato, and Xenophon. Also listed as PHIL 141. (5 units)

### 149. Ancient and Modern Ethics

This course will engage theories and issues related to normative ethics (generally speaking, the study of ethics concerned with right or wrong conduct, good or bad actions, and virtuous or vicious character). In this class, we will discuss a variety of both ancient and modern texts dealing with ethical theories/approaches and their practical applications, in order to productively debate the merits of these approaches and the plausibility of their applications to contemporary ethical issues, such as animal rights, eugenics, abortion, and torture.(5 units)

### 171. Ancient Science and Technology: Atoms, Aqueducts, and Alchemy

This course examines the development of science and technology in the ancient Mediterranean, with a focus on Greek city-states, Hellenistic kingdoms in the age of Alexander the Great and Cleopatra, and the Roman Empire. The creation and evolution of ancient scientific disciplines are studied, as is the use of technology in construction, warfare, agriculture, religion, manufacturing, and medicine. Both ancient theory and practice are examined within their cultural, social, political, and economic context. (5 units)

### 172. The World of Gladiators

This course provides an introduction to the study of the Roman world, with emphasis on the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Students will be introduced to the disciplines of archaeology, numismatics, epigraphy, and ceramic studies, and within these disciplines will examine and compare different methods of evaluating ancient evidence. Topics discussed will include ancient dining customs, gladiators, social mobility, bandits, banking, and Roman Egypt. Also listed as HIST 107 and ANTH 173. (5 units)

### CLAS 173: Bath and Body Works (in Ancient Rome)

This course will consider the developments of baths and bathing in ancient Roman culture, examining how scientific and technological innovations in the construction of bath buildings contributed to the proliferation of daily public bathing. Other topics of consideration include the motivations behind building baths, the methods and technologies required to bring water to and from the baths, and connections to similar modern facilities. This course satisfies the STS requirement. (5 units)

### 175. Topics in Classical Literature

Occasional courses or seminars in specialized topics. Consult current course descriptions for details. (5 units)

### 176. Topics in Ancient History

Occasional courses or seminars in specialized topics. Consult current course descriptions for details. (5 units)

### 177. Topics in Ancient Philosophy

Occasional courses or seminars in specialized topics. Consult current course descriptions for details. (5 units)

### 178. Topics in Classical Culture

Occasional courses or seminars in specialized topics. Consult current course descriptions for details. Also listed as HIST 129. (5 units)

### 180. Laughter and the Shape of Comedy

Students will investigate the nature and psychosocial functions of laughter, with a particular eye to the Greek and Roman roots of Western comedy. Readings will focus on comedic plays by Aristophanes, Plautus, and Terence, supplemented with readings of ancient and modern humor theorists and psychologists. For each playwright, we will also analyze one popular recent movie and other modern analogs of humor and plot structures. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the material by collaborating over the course of the term to write, costume, and perform original plays in imitation of the ancient playwrights. Also listed as THTR 181a. (5 units)

### 181. Classical Tragedy

Representative works of the principal Greek tragic playwrights: Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. Features of the tragic genre, its origins, and the conventions of its performance. Also listed as THTR 181. (5 units)

### CLAS 182: Myths of the Democratic Stage

This course explores how ancient Greeks used tragic and comic plays to help people become better democratic citizens and whether their plays can still help us become better democratic citizens today. We will study selected Greek comedies, which directly mocked social and civic practices, and selected Greek tragedies, which used myths to guide audiences to think more critically about democratic politics, their own civic responsibilities, and the communal consequences of their traditional values. Students will use the ancient Greek plays to enrich their understanding of current events. We will also watch and discuss Miranda’s Hamilton as a modern analog. Satisfies the Civic Engagement requirement. (5 units)

### 183. Hercules!

While many people today may first encounter Hercules through the popular Disney movie, TV shows, or comic books, the original character of Hercules in the ancient world is much more complex than many of these current depictions convey. Not only powerful and brave, but also an adulterer and murderer, Hercules (or Heracles, as he is known to the ancient Greeks) struggles both literally and metaphorically on his path to immortality. Our class will examine various ancient and modern depictions of Hercules in order to understand the full picture of a truly complicated figure. This course can be taken either as a lower-division course (CLAS 83) or as an upper-division course. (5 Units)

### 184. Classical Mythology in the Western Tradition

An exploration of some of the ways authors from the classical period through the 20th century have manipulated Greek myths for their own poetic and political purposes. Focus is on the legends surrounding the fall of Troy, with particular attention paid to the shifting character of perhaps the two most protean figures in Greek mythology: Odysseus and Helen. Texts include selections from Homer’s *Iliad*, Vergil’s *Aeneid*, and Dante’s *Inferno*, and un-excerpted works by Homer, Sophocles, Euripides, Gorgias and Isocrates, Ovid, Seneca, Dictys and Dares, Shakespeare, Tennyson, Giraudoux, modern Greek poets, and the Coen brothers. (5 units)

### 185. Gender in Antiquity

Investigation into the representation and the reality of gender in social, economic, political, and religious contexts in the classical world. Also listed as WGST 157. (5 units)

### 186. Cultural Heritage and Collecting Antiquities

This course will study the history of museums, art collecting, and art theft in the ancient world. It will explore the concept of cultural heritage, to discuss what is shown in collections and to critique what museums are choosing to show to the viewing public and what this means for civic life. This class is an exploration of art collecting in the ancient world, the heritage of ancient art, and its presentation and preservation for the edification of the viewing public in our modern world. This course can be taken either as an upper-division course or lower-division course (CLAS 86) (5 units).

### 187. The Democratic Muse: Public Art in Athens and the United States

This course will compare and contrast the function of publicly funded art in the two most celebrated Western democracies, classical Athens and the United States. After exploring the “meaning” of the Parthenon, students will discuss the civic role and thematic significance of important (and usually controversial) examples of Greek and American public art and examine what they have to say about imperialism, war, religion, gender, and economic policy. In what way can the arts promote a civil society? How is art “good” for democracy, and vice versa? Should a democracy fund the arts, and if so, how? (5 units)

### 188. Greek Justice: Ancient Roots of the Modern Jury

This course explores the ancient Greek roots of modern American justice. We study how the classical Athenian court system worked, as well as how the Greeks used poetry, tragedy, comedy, mythology, and philosophy to develop and discuss the concepts of justice that underpinned their court systems. We focus particularly on the nature of justice, the rationale for jury trials, and the role law plays in a democratic state, comparing and contrasting classical Greek and modern American ideas. At the end of the course students run trials using classical Athenian court structure and judicial philosophy to try controversial cases currently working their way through the U.S. federal court system. (5 units)

### 197A. Capstone I

Biweekly seminar on various topics, combined with initial research for senior thesis. The identification of a coherent topic of thesis, development of a detailed outline, and preparation of an annotated bibliography, are conducted under the active direction of a member of the classics faculty. Prerequisites: For senior classics majors only; permission of instructor and department chair required. (3 units)

### 197B. Capstone II

Continuation of seminar in addition to supervised completion of the final draft, public oral presentation, and defense of the senior thesis. Prerequisites: CLAS 197A. For senior classics majors only; permission of instructor and department chair required. (3 units)

### 198. Internships/Practica

Independent work outside, and in coordination with, the department. By permission only.

### 199. Directed Reading/Research

Individually designed programs of reading or research, in Latin, Greek, or classics (e.g., literature in translation or culture). Prerequisites: Available to advanced students. Permission of instructor and department chair required. (5 units)